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Retreat to staffroom at the Ridings

School shuts after assaults on teachers

By JOHN O'LEARY, PAUL WILKINSON AND PHILIP WEBSTER

THE troubled Ridings School in Halifax was closed down yesterday after a French mistress was sexually molested and two male teachers were assaulted by pupils. It was the second school to be shut this week because of unruly children.

The closure of the Ridings, where teachers have voted unanimously to strike unless of pupils are expelled, came 24 hours after inspectors had warned Gillian Shephard that the school was in danger of getting out of control.

The Education Secretary ordered the Calderdale education authority to deal with the problem immediately, and yesterday councillors decided at an emergency meeting to shut the school after the education director's chief adviser reported from the Ridings that there had been two or three incidents that suggested a risk.

to pupils and staff.

The school will not reopen until Wednesday when a new head teacher and deputy arrive. Manton Junior School in Worksop, where staff are refusing to teach a boy aged 10, also remained closed yesterday in spite of hopes of

compromise in that dispute.

At the Ridings, a 14-year-old boy fondled the breast of a supply teacher in front of his class; a girl aged 14 slammed a door in the face of a teacher, causing his second injury in three weeks; and another member of staff went home in distress after being pelted with books. A 15-year-old boy also had to go home with a cut head after a girl threw a video

cassette at him.

Teachers retreated to the staffroom and refused to resume classes until action was taken against the assailants and a group of teenagers previously expelled from the school had been cleared from the playing fields. The police were called, but no arrests were made.

were made. At 2.15pm, all 600 pupils



"Typical! You put your son's name down from birth and then this happens"

were called to assembly and given letters explaining why they were being sent home. Ian Jennings, Calderdale's

Ian Jennings, Calderdale's education director, said that the decision to close the school had been taken after he was advised that the health and safety of pupils was at risk. "The committee believes it has taken the necessary steps to prevent the breakdown of discroline at the school."

Mrs Shephard had demanded action from Mr Jennings after hearing a preliminary report from inspectors who were sent to the school after the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers called their strike ballot three weeks ago. That ballot was called after assaults on three members of staff, including Francis Coxon, an information technology teacher who was injured yesterday. On the previous occasion fireworks

were thrown at him.

The inspectors advised the governors that there was an "immediate need to establish control in order to secure the physical safety of the children" and Mrs Shephard said last night. "I left the authority in no doubt that it is their responsibility to deal immed-

iately with these issues." The inspectors' final report will be presented to Mrs Shephard next week and if they declare it to be failing, the Ridings could be removed from local authority control and placed in the hands of a "hit squad" and even shut down altogether.

Yesterday Nigel de Gruchy, the general secretary of the NASUWT who had declared himself shocked and shaken when he visited the Ridings, said that he was "staggered but not surprised" by the 24-hour delay before action was taken on the inspectors' advice. Discipline had deteriorated even during the emergency inspection that emeded on Wednesday and yesterday's incidents had provided a vivid illustration of what teachers were facing.

Speaking at a London press conference called to announce the unanimous result of the strike ballot, Mr de Gruchy said that the local authority could still avert the action indicating that an agreed number of pupils would be recommended to the governors for expulsion. The authority had accepted that a dozen pupils should be excluded, he said, but the union was examining dossiers on 61 children and officials would decide how many warranted action before the strike threat

could be lifted.

Mr de Gruchy's members are already on strike at the Manton school, where governors will today put a compromised deal to parents in an attempt to end the stand-off that has led to the closure of the school. They will propose that arrangements to teach Matthew Wilson in isolation are reinstated, with the option of other children joining him. But Mr de Gruchy said that NASUWT members would not supervise the boy, even if his behaviour improved.

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Jet-lagged Princess steps out

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

DIANA. Princess of Wales, took to a crowded dance floor with an Australian politician last night as she helped to raise £500,000 for a heart

disease charity.

The Princess, who had just flown for 24 hours from London to Sydney, looked uncomfortable as she danced with Neville Wran, former Premier of New South Wales.

She left the dinner 30 minutes ahead of schedule to catch up

Mr Wran, chairman of the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute, was the only man to dance with the Princess. She tapped her feet to a performance by singer Sting and made a short speech to the 900 guests, who paid £500 each for tickets.

Praising the work of the institute, named after Australia's leading heart surgeon,

the Princess said it was researching drugs and surgical approaches which could extend life expectancy.

The Princess agreed to attend the fundraising evening after being told about the institute by Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub, the pioneering heart surgeon.

Today she will tour the

Victor Chang cardiac unit, meet heart patients at St Vincent's Hospital and attend a Commonwealth Day lunch.

Blair winning political battle to gain moral high ground

By PETER RIDDELL AND PHILIP WEBSTER

LABOUR has taken a clear lead over the Conservatives in the new battle for the moral high ground in politics sparked by Frances Lawrence, wife of the murdered London headmaster, according to a

MORI poll for The Times.

For the first time, too, law and order has soared to the top of the issues of most concern to British people today.

The public believes that Labour is far more likely than the Tories to implement the proposals for tackling violence and promoting good citizenship put forward by Mrs Lawrence in her manifesto II days ago. Asked which party would be most likely to put her proposals into practice. Tony Blair's party had a two-to-one margin over the Tories.

The MORI survey had listed Mrs Lawrence's ideas for a ban on the sale of combat knives. lessons in school on good citizenship and raising the public standing of teachers and the police.

By a wider margin — 45 to 20 per cent — the public names Labour over the Tories alone. Some 8 per cent name the Liberal Democrats with the rest not opting for any party, as studies they do not be set.

or saying they do not know.

The results are deeply worrying for the Conservatives who have had an unhappy two weeks, constantly being wrongfooted by Labour on the law-and-order and education issues. But the finding coincides with a decision by Tory strategists, headed by Brian Mawhinney, party chairman, to concentrate the vast majority of their campaigning efforts on the economy, keeping off the morality agenda as far as possible.

Kenneth Clarke, who is being praised by the Tory Right as well as his usual allies on the Left for the way he handled Wednesday's interest rate rise and for the determination with which he is getting across the message that the recovery is happening, is increasingly seen as the key to an upsurge in his party's political fortunes.

Cabinet ministers and party officials said last night that the survey's findings had borne out their fears. One official said: "We cannot beat Blair on morality. From now on it will be the economy, and the economy."

A Cabinet minister said: "It will be difficult to outdo Blair after all his recent speeches. People are more interested in what is in their pockets than morality issues which politicians can do little about."

Tory strategists took heart

THE ECONOMIC DEBATE
"The damage will begin immediately" — Anatole Kaletsky.
page 29. "Interest rates must
rise further to curb inflation"
— Tim Congdon, page 20

from the MORI finding that people are growing more confident about the economy.

Mr Mawhinney, just back from a visit with Danny Finkelstein, head of Conservative research, to the final stages of the American presidential election, believes the Tories can take heart from the reasons behind what looks certain to be a Clinton victory.

as an incumbent President seeking a new term at a time when the optimism of Americans about their economic prospects is high. "We somehow have to mirror that." a strategist said. But the signs Continued on page 2, col 5

He will have been re-elected

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Marcel Carne dies at 90

Marcel Carne, one of France's greatest directors who braved the Nazi occupation to make The Children of Paradise and Les Visiteurs du Soir, died yesterday in Paris, aged 90. Carne, who also directed Hotel du Nord and whose style became known as "poetic realism," took the camera out of the soundstage and into the street, touching the hearts of a nation.

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Hillsborough police win appeal for trauma money

By Stewart Tendler and Frances Gibb

FOUR police officers who suffered mental trauma after helping victims of the 1989 Hillsborough disaster won their renewed legal battle for compensation yesterday in a landmark judgment handed down by the Court of Appeal.

Last year a High Court

judge ruled the four were not entitled to damages because they were not in the pens at the Sheffield football ground where 96 fans died. But the Court of Appeal, in a majority decision, ruled the four were exposed by the negligence of the South Yorkshire police to "excessively horrific events such as were likely to cause psychiatric illiness" as they tended to injured and dying

An appeal by a fifth officer, who was not at the football ground but dealt with bodies at a hospital mortuary, was dismissed.

The ruling paves the way for claims by other members of the emergency services and armed forces who experience

trauma and can prove negligence. The ruling widens the test on who can claim for posttraumatic stress and goes beyond guidelines laid down by the House of Lords when it ruled on claims brought by relatives of the Hillsborough

The test set down by the law lords is based on "proximity."
The Lords said a successful claimant must have a close tie of love and affection to the person killed or injured, or be a rescuer, must be close to the accident in time and space, and perceive the accident through "unaided senses" that is, not on television or radio.

Now legal experts forecast the new judgment could lead to successful claims not only from rescue services but also from members of the public who help at a disaster scene. But football fans who went to the help of the dying at the disaster would now be legally out of time to start a case.

out of time to start a case.

Lawyers said last night the way had been opened for claims from up to 17 other South Yorkshire officers.

Fourteen have been awarded £1.2 million and the final payout for police who claim trauma could reach £3.2 million plus legal costs. One former officer has received more than £200,000 but only one relative has successfully claimed and received com-

Relatives of victims reacted bitterly to the Court of Appeal decision. Trevor Hicks, who lost two daughters in the tragedy and is chairman of the Hillsborough Families' Support Group, said the judgment was disturbing. Many of the families of victims had lost their legal actions for claims. Eddie Spearritt, of Runcorn, Cheshire, whose 14-year-old son Adam died as he was crushed at the stadium, added that he was "totally disgusted".

The Court of Appeal judges rejected an application by South Yorkshire police to go to the House of Lords, but Martin Davies, assistant chief constable of South Yorkshire, said the force is planning to petition the Lords for a hear-Continued on page 2, col 6

Rushdie refused entry to Denmark

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

SALMAN RUSHDIE has been refused permission to visit Denmark to receive a top European Union literature prize in Copenhagen.

In a curt, anonymous note, the Danish Government instructed him not to enter the country, which he has previously visited several times. Last night he expressed outrage over his treatment.

Citing security fears as the reason, the note cancelled an invitation sent to him last



Rushdie: "to hell with getting the prize in a pub"

month, when he was told he had won the Aristeion Prize for European Literature for The Moor's Last Sigh, his latest novel. Rushdie's life has been in danger since 1989, when the late Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran imposed a death sentence on him and everyone else involved in publishing The Satanic Verses.

The author was told of the Danish decision by the Foreign Office just a fortnight before he was to fly to Denmark. Last night he said: "It was rather mysterious — a typed text with no letterheading. They had not even shown the courtesy of signing the letter."

The note does express the

hope that "there will be arranged another suitable kind of presentation of the Aristeion Prize for Salman Rushdie".

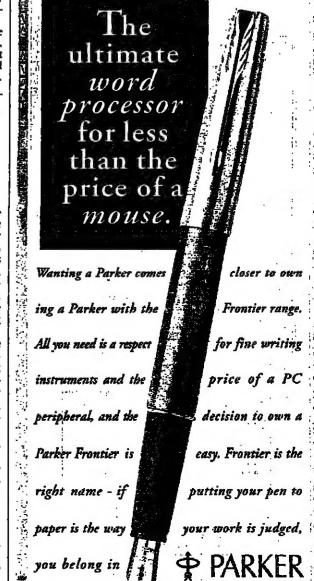
To hell with that," he said.

If I'm being treated in this

"If I'm being treated in this way, I will refuse the award. I'm not receiving it in the backroom of a pub, in a plain brown envelope."

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More than 1,700 jobs are to go in the Employment Service

in cost-cutting plans disclosed yesterday by the Department

for Education and Employment. The plans to axe jobs by

the end of the decade will halve the present head-office staffing level and aim to save £70 million. A spokeswoman

said the cuts were being implemented to make the service more focused and "business-orientated". David Blunken.

Shadow Employment Secretary, condemned the cuts as

"frankly outrageous". He said they were so sweeping that they would disable the service.

Employment Service

to shed 1,700 jobs

Don't quote me, I might have meant it

mons commentators is to know which MPs' utterances count. Take Kenneth Clarke on Wednesday: taunting Gordon Brown over Labour's "windfall tax". the Chancellor asked which industries would be targetted. Gas, he asked? Electricity? Scottish water or just English water? To protests. Mr Clarke spluttered: They're all

Scottish water is not privatised. Amid the squeaks and howls. Mr Clarke said he did not mean Scottish water. So do we report a "gaffe" - or is his correction judged to have come in time? Mr Clarke was quick last year (though not as quick) to correct his compli-

try and nappy factory (both defunct), but the remarks were seized upon in time to become a media "fact". Wednesday's proto-gaffe never did, but you can hear it on the tapes.

Yesterday, Mr Clarke found himself tangled once more in the verbal thickets. Whether or not be meant to give the Tory backbencher John Townend (Bridlington) the advice which follows, I heard him give it. The Chancellor of the Exchequer said: "... and now the strengthening. strongly. It is not - still back at an acceptable level. because it is going back to where it was two years ago"

|my italies|. Economically illiterate



MATTHEW PARRIS POLITICAL SKETCH

though I am, I doubt whether it was widely known that Mr Clarke has a target for the value of the pound, and that a recovery to where the currency was two years ago falls short of it. Nobody in the Chamber seemed to be listening, how-ever. And few but this court jester seemed to be writing it down. So I suppose he didn't

It's a mistake to write things down. Labour has found a transcript of something Mr Clarke once said on BBC local radio (in Nottingham), whose

drift was that, if we could start again, we would have VAT on everything. Mr Brown quoted Wednesday but, strangely, Mr Clarke did not seem to hear him.

John Austin-Walker (Lab. Woolwich) repeated it during PM's Questions yesterday. Before this, Labour backbenchers tried raising it with the junior Treasury minister Phillip Oppenheim.

Oppenheim (an unexpected success story among the newer appointments sharp, brutal and quick, a

thinking man's yobbo) ignored the question and tore into Labour, fists flying, on another matter. The Prime Minister adopted a different approach when asked about remark, being afflicted with a sudden deafness.

John Major went on to quote another remark an MP must wish had never been committed to print: Labour spokesman Nigel Griffiths last year described Scottish Nationalist proposals to reduce VAT on heating as "another cynical ploy from an increasingly opportunistic and desperate party". On Wednesday, Labour had adopted these very proposals. What did the Oppo-

sition say to that? All at once, it was Labour's hearing difficulties.

If we agreed an amnesty on writing things down, the Commons would be less stressful. I managed to note Mr Major's response to Elizabeth Peacock Batley & Spen), who had asked him to congratulate innovators in industry in Yorkshire. "I'm certainly happy to congratulate success ful innovators in Yorkshire. crooned the PM. Then, per haps judging this too paltry a contribution, added: "And undoubtedly many of them have been very successful.

Gibberish? Of course Therein lies Mr Major's cunning. Nobody can take that down and use it in evidence against him.

Trauma

ing. They have a month to file

Inspector Henry White and

constables Edward Bairstow, Anthony Bevis and Geoffrey

Glave. Only Mr Bairstow is

still in the force. Sergeant Janet Smith lost her appeal when the judges said that what she did was no more

than could properly be asked of any police officer in the

ordinary carrying out of her

Lord Justice Rose, sitting

with Lords Justices Henry and

Judge, said the real difference

between Hillsborough and

other incidents was the failure

of the police to control the fans.

Lord Justice Henry agreed

and said he knew many people

felt it as fundamentally unjust

for police to get damages for

post-traumatic stress disorder while some of the relatives

He said the court could only

consider whether these plain-

tiffs should recover on the

different principles of law

applicable to them. In a dis-

senting judgment, Lord Jus-

tice Judge said he would have dismissed all the appeals. He

said rescuers should not auto-

matically be regarded as "pri-

negligence and therefore enti-

Secondary victims could

only recover damages if they

had a close relationship with

someone killed or injured, or if

they were in such close prox-

imity to the events that psychi-

atric injury was foreseeable.

These criteria were not satis-

Last year the Law Commis-

sion also called for a more

liberal interpretation of who

can claim damages. It called

for lifting the requirements of

physical and temporal prox-

imity and also the need to

perceive the accident directly

tled to sue.

fied in this case.

were turned down.

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Growth hormone deaths

Donald Spear, 33, a motorcycle courier from Hemel Hempstead, died on Tuesday of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, caused by infected human growth hormone. Heather Cauthon, another victim of the same treatment, died yesterday. A 52-year-old woman has become the second nerson in France to die of the new form of CID. person in France to die of the new form of CJD.

New salmonella threat

A new form of salmonella food poisoning is rising sharply. The agent responsible is distinct from the one that infected eggs and chickens, and which is now in decline. The new threat comes from a form that is resistant to antibiotics. Dr John Cowden of the Scottish Centre for Infection and En-

Nurse cleared of sabotage

A nurse was cleared of trying to harm a patient by sabotaging a machine at Bassellaw hospital in Worksop, Nottinghamshire, Amanda Jenkinson, 37, was said to have stopped the flow of a sedative to Brenda Joyce, 61. She still faces two similar charges. A jury at Nottingham Crown Court will continue its deliberations today.

Men can still behave badly

Martin Clunes and Neil Morrissey, right, were told they could carry on behaving badly in spite of complaints about their show. The Broadcasting Stavdards Council cleared Men Behaving Badly of being

But the council said that the

award-winning BBCI comedy had "come very close to the limit of acceptability". Some viewers had complained that dream sequences in one episode were excessively violent and not funny. The BBC said it had broadcast a warning before the episode, saying it was "not for the faint bearted"

Rugby captain forgets date

Rob Wainright, the Scotland rugby captain, forgot to attend the launch in Edinburgh of a Scotlish Poppy Appeal event, which has the message "Remember" on its posters. He went to the gym instead of presenting a framed poster to Nicola Yule, 13. An appeal spokesman said: "Rob tele-phoned to say he was sorry. It just slipped his mind."

Five on book prize shortlist

The shortlist for the McVitle's Prize, for Scottish writers, was announced last night. It comprises: Alan Spence, Stone Garden & Other Stories, Shona MacKay, The Orchard on Fire, Andrew O'Hagan, The Missing, W.N. Herbert, Cabaret McConagalt, and Alan Tormaid Campbell, Getting to Know Waiwai: An Amazonian Ethnography.

Rare dinosaur fossil found



A 2 in fossil exposed by storms near Brook Bay on the Isle of Wight is believed to be a 120-million year-old broken claw from one of the rarest known flesh-eaters. the 34ft Barvouvr. The find was made by an amateur fossil hunter and has been shown to William Walker, who found the first baryonyx skeleton in 1983. Baryonyz, which seeans heavy claw, took its name from its murderously large and hook-like thumb daws. Its head was more than 3ft long and it had very sharp teeth designed to grip. The only other baryonyx fossil, another claw, was found in the Niger Republic.

Graduate donated organs

The family of Ian Tucker, 23, the Australian post-graduate at Oxford who died after a university rugby match last Saturday, donated seven of his organs for transplant, his college disclosed yesterday after a memorial service. Relatives, friends and students were among 350 mourners in the chapel at Keble College.

Healey weighs into cautious Brown on tax and spending

LORD HEALEY, Labour's quer, yesterday attacked Gordon Brown for the second time in 48 hours and criticised his

caution on tax and spending. He said that Labour should have the courage to raise taxes service". Later he tried to play down his comments, claiming he had been misted by the interviewer about Mr Brown's criticism of him. Earlier this week Lord

Healey, Chancellor from 1974 to 1979, made an outspoken attack on a European single currency, saying it would be a disaster for Britain and could lead to riots on the streets. His broadside against monetary union has stirred up arguments in the Shadow Cabinet over whether a future Labour government should join the first wave of monetary union. "If the thing goes ahead it will be a disaster," Lord Healey said in the Lords.

Yesterday afternoon Lord Healey appeared unrepentant when he went on BBC2's Westminster with Nick Ross programme, despite the Labour heirarchy making it clear it did not welcome disunity. Lord Healey said: "I think Gordon Brown has become a little too rigid in some respects and of course he has got no government experience

He added: "Mr Brown has become a little too cautious about spending commitments.



Healey: said he was misled by interviewer

I believe myself that it is not necessarily the end of the world if a party wanting power says it will raise taxes enough to have a decent health service and education service. I don't see how any government after the next election will get through without raising some taxes because we can't go on with this colossal

Mr Brown had tried to brush aside Lord Healey's remarks to the Lords as the views of a backbencher. He said: "Denis Healey is an interesting and always controversial figure. I always read his remarks with a great deal of interest. He's not speaking from the Labour front bench

currency has not changed and will not change. We see the advantages in principle to the British economy. The deci-sion, however, will be made at the time in what we consider

to be the national interest." Lord Healey was asked whether he thought Mr Brown's comments were a put down. He replied: "I look forward to the day when Gordon Brown can put me

Late last night Lord Healey published a letter of complaint to the BBC, claiming he had

He said: "In an interview earlier today Jon Sopel told me that Gordon Brown had delivered a put-down of me at a press conference. I then made a series of remarks which were reported as a major attack on Gordon. "I subsequently learnt what

Gordon actually said. In no way could it be described as a Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, did his best to exploit Labour's em-

barrassment over the incident. He said: "We have been saying for months that Gordon Brown has the wrong answers to the key economic questions of the day. Now Denis Healey has revealed that Gordon Brown doesn't understand the even

Cost of EMU. page !!



won his appeal, at his Derbyshire home yesterday

Paper worker jailed for having knife | Moral battlefield

A PRINT worker who uses a knife as a tool of his trade was ailed yesterday after police found three blades in his car.

The imprisonment of Dean Payne, 26, for two weeks is likely to add fresh heat to the debate over calls for a ban on some types of knives. Payne. from Notting Hill, west London, is the first defendant to be jailed under the new Offensive Weapons Act.

The Act. brought in last July, raised the penalties for carrying a knife in public without good reason to two years' imprisonment or an unlimited fine, or both. Last night Lady Olga Maitland, the architect of the Act. defended the court's action and said it would have been difficult to claim that two of the knives were for work. She Straw, the shadow Home Secretary, and Alex Carlile, Liberal Democrat home affairs spokesman, agreeing to meet them to discuss their proposals and the practical difficulties involved in a crackdown.

more effective than giving him a heavy fine. He will remem-

ber the two weeks." Marylebone Magistrates' Court was told that Payne worked as a part-time newspaper distribution worker and used a knife to cut bound

possessing admitted

David Kennett-Brown, the stipendiary magistrate, told him it was clear that at least one of the blades was used in his work, but there was no excuse for three knives and "there's little excuse for you to bundles of newspapers. He have had even a single knife. I

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the morality issue, which seems certain to dominate politics over the coming months, is a blow to the Conservatives.

The survey shows opinion divides clearly on party lines, though only 56 per cent of Tory supporters think their ing more than a half of those who have switched behind the party since 1992, believe it would be most likely to put the ideas into practice.

cern over law and order and education. Law and order is, for the first time, top of the public's list of most important issues facing Britain today, mentioned by 41 per cent, against 27 per cent a month

32 per cent in late September. By contrast for the first time

Labour yesterday sought to capitalise on government difficulties by bringing forward a £1.2 million advertising campaign proclaiming "enough is enough".

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have to view your conduct not only in the light of your own Michael Howard has agreed to all-party talks on banning the sale of combat knives and will also consider laws to circumstances, but also in the restrict aggressive advertising of the weapons. The Home light of the great public fear of Secretary plans to meet the Advertising Standards people going around with Authority to see how it could do more to check the language of mail-order advertisements. He has also written to Jack There is no evidence before

me that you were intending to use the knives for offensive purposes. Nevertheless, three knives were found in your

to store them in, and therefore had to carry their own tools: You turn up with your knife on you, or you don't work." He said he was aware of the publicity about having knives in public, but had not realised that the interior of his car could count as a public place.

that Labour is so far ahead on

The latest MORI poll, undertaken over last weekend. also highlights increased, and

ago. Close behind is education - at 39 per cent up from

possession in a public place own party would be most since June 1991 unemploy ment is not top of the public's and I consider that the only likely to implement these prosaid: "He totally failed to posals. The rest either think proper penalty is one deprivlist of most important issues, convince the court that he was knives, but argued that he had having slipped to third thanks ng you of your liberty." the opposition parties would acted carelessly without any Payne told the court that carrying them for a lawful he best or do not know. By to a strong economy, rising living standards and falling purpose. I think popping him criminal intent. He has a casual workers were not procontrast, nearly three-quarters in prison for two weeks is conviction for possessing a vided with knives, or lockers of Labour supporters, includunemployment. knife eight years ago.

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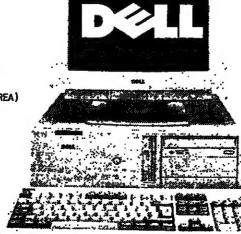
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The man who thrashed Major says it did him good

BY DAMIEN WHITWORTH

THE teacher who caned John Major said yesterday that he could not understand the Prime Minister's opposition to corporal punishment because it had done him

Hubert Walker, 83, recalled that he had dealt a single swish of the cane to Mr Major and 23 of his classmates when they refused to complete a homework assignment at Rutlish school, Wimbledon, in the mid-1950s. "I think they learnt their-lesson," he said last night.

He denied that the boys had been given six strokes and insisted that they had received only one each.

He added that, after the mass that was a waste of time for the mentor was J.R. Blenkinsop, the puzzled yesterday after being rethrashing, the class of teenagers had behaved better. "I agree with corporal punishment," he said. "I think it should be brought back, not to be used willy-nilly, but rather via the headmaster in moderation."

Mr Walker came down firmly on

the side of Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, who was rebuked by the Prime Minister on Tuesday for suggesting that state schools might reintroduce the cane, in defiance of agreed Cabinet policy. The former geography teacher said: "Some sanction is necessary. When I stood in front of a class of 30 boys, if two decided to

be a nuisance and disrupt the class.

other 28. I insisted on being firm. That was the whole basis of my career. They must be suppressed.

"At present there is no sanction. If people can murder a headteacher I'm afraid the whole country is going down the drain. In my day my wife and mother could go out and walk in the dark and now they couldn't."

Mr Walker, who taught at Rutlish for 30 years, retired in 1976 and lives in Raynes Park, southwest London, a short distance from the school. He is still in touch with many of the teachers and his former pupils, including some of those he caned. His educational

cane-wielding headmaster at Rutlish, who terrorised generations of boys including John Major, and was nicknamed Champion the

Wonder Horse because of the size of his teeth. Mr Walker wie he hoped that Mr Major. uled to show much leade entire he much leade was his 🖃 bow tr

deterred in why John May

minded in The Times that, in 1980. Mr Major had sided with the Tory Right in a vote to keep the cane in schools with parental consent.

Mr Walker said that caning was more moderate than discipline had been in his own childhood. "My grandfather had a strap hanging beside the fireplace and he was prepared to use it if you stepped out

The humiliation of Mr Major was the talk of the bar at the Old Rutlishians Association last night. One contemporary of the Prime Minister said: "We used to wear a beating as a badge of honour. Most of us were caught at least once.

head down if he only got caned once. It would have been much worse if old Blenkinsop had beaten him. He swished the cane much harder, as I can recall to my cost."

Mr Major's misery at Rutlish was such that he could not remember what the building looked like when he returned to the school in 1991 for a prizegiving. Peter Stokes. the chairman of the association, who was another contemporary. said: "I am not surprised he has forgotten all about the beating and the school. The school failed him. He got on in life after he left."

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Murderer is awarded legal aid to sue MoD

By RICHARD FORD

A MURDERER is suing the Ministry of Defence from his prison cell, claiming £100,000 for alleged physical and sexual molestation while a serving teenage soldier.

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Adam Fury, 21, is one of eight former soldiers demanding compensation for alleged beatings and sexual attacks while stationed at a Staffordshire barracks for small firearms training. Fury, from Swansea, was jailed for life this year for torturing to death Joanne Tregembo, a former girlfriend. He said from his cell: "I was totally messed up by the Army and I want people to know about it."

The family of Miss Tregembo said his claim for compensation was a "cruel irony" because it came only four months after he was sentenced at Cardiff Crown Court. Her parents said they were sickened by Fury's action, which is being funded by legal aid. Paul Tregembo said: "For an evil monster like Fury to look for sympathy because says he was builled is beyond comprehension."

The trial was told that Fury tured Miss Tregembo to his house and in an attack lasting an hour, he bean her with a hammer and stabbed her in the head and body more than 30 times: Pury denied marder but was found suith Fury joined the Army aged

17 and claims he suffered two montes of abuse that ended his kneecao tured after he was allegedly pushed over. Yesterday solicitors acting for Fury and seven others served High Court writs on the Ministry of Defence seeking compensation of E100,000 each.

Robert Peterson, solicitor for the men, said most of the allegations related to incidents as Whittington barracks near Lichfield, Staffordshire, when The Royal Welch Fusiliers and The Royal Regiment of Wales were based there.

On the way to a palace, the Queen visits the pride of a Thai village

Moment of royal honour for one man and his pig

FROM ALAN HAMILTON IN NORTHERN THAILAND

THE OUEEN and the Duke of Edinburgh yesterday paid a call on Mr Wang, inspected his onions and patted his pig. The pig grunted. It was the main reason for the visit.

Mr Wang keeps a smallholding in the village of Nanokkao, in a remote corner of Northern Thailand near the border with Laos. He lives there with his common-law wife Madam Sod, his four children aged from 12-24, and his mother-in-law, in a traditional Thai wooden house raised on stilts against

vermin and floods.

He supplements his pig.
scrawny chickens and vegetable patch with a job as a gardener. In the space beneath the house, Mr Wang's elder daughter Yaowaluk weaves lengths of fine Thai silk on a hand-operated loom. She cannot travel to work because of a recent car accident. They have electricity, and water from a well, but no mains drainage. Mr Wang seems happy enough for his 42 years and, like the

majority of Thais is empi-sitely polite. When the Queen and the Duke arrived, the entire fainily squaited on rush mats and offered them a war the traditional That greeting of hands placed together before the face as if in supplication. It is traditional, when greeting great persons or monks. not to get up. The Queen bade Mr Wang rise and shook his hand. The rest of his family remained crosslegged, offering up three bolts of fine silk it had taken them a month to weave.

Mr Wang wore a blue shirt, baggy trousers and flipflops. His wife and motherin-law were in their everyday blue sarongs and their children were in the usual ragbag assortment of garments that children everywhere will wear by choice. No, said Mr Wang, the family had not gone out and bought new

effort into sweeping the earthen Goor. The Queen, who arrived in

clothes for the occasion, al-

though they had put extra



a' Toyota van, looked cool and relaxed in pink despite and some slight misfortune on the journey, when the chauffeur switched on the vehicle's heating instead of its air conditioning.

Touring rural projects on the last full day of their state visit to Thailand, the Queen and Prince Philip looked particularly at ease. though glad to be out of the frenzy of Bangkok.

Mr Wang remained faint-ly puzzled, although greatly

honoured, that a woman of whom he knew little should suddenly descend on his humble home from the other side of the world, accompa-nied by the Crown Prince of Thailand and two royal princesses. "I have nothing to show them," he said. But he did. He had a fine

Chinese Meisan pig, nine months old and satisfyingly pregnant, given to him by a local rural development programme to supplement his income. Led by Mr Wang. The Queen and the Duke carefully picked their way through damp grass and scurrying poultry to inspect the beast. The Duke put his hand through the bars of its stockade and patted its quiv-ering snout. The Queen kept a respectful 2ft distance. They asked Mr Wang about the pig and chickens. No. he did not keep the latter for eggs, he kept them to eat, or possibly to sell.

The Queen watched Mr Wang's daughter at work on her foom, waving her hands and asking animated questions through an interpreter. In the garden outside, a crowd of children squatted on the ground and held their hands in respectful wai for the duration of the royal

social call.

Through an interpreter, Mr Wang told The Times that, a year ago, he had had a dream in which he went to England, where a war was in progress, and met a Thai soldier who sent him to see the Queen, who would give him a son. This bizarre train of thought appeared to have



The Queen emerges from the pigpen as her hosts offer a traditional greeting

no significance until, five months ago, a British Embassy official came knocking at his door and asked him if he would mind opening his home to a visitor, as he seemed to embody the rural

Thai way of life. Picking her way carefully off the muddy garden path. the Queen returned to her Toyota and sped off to a final

and Queen Sirikit in their local northern palace, marking the end of a successful state visit. On their way to dinner, they stopped to admire a pair of elephants belonging to the King. The

bananas. James Hodge, the British Ambassador who had barely two months to arrange the

Duke could not resist getting out of the car to feed them

of his predecessor, found himself with a knighthood

for his troubles last night. Back in Nanokkao. Mr Wang watched a tropical downpour water his onions and herbs and then remembered that the family had had no time to prepare dinner. Madam Sod set off in the rain in the direction of the

Family rallies round rape girl

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE mother of a schoolging raped by a gang in a 12-hour ordeal told yesterday how the attack had changed her daughter. The whole family has got to come to terms with this because we have got a new daughter, our old daughter has gone," she said. "These men are animals. I can never ever forgive them. She is frightened to sleep and has been having nightmares."
The 15-year-old was

snatched kicking and screaming from the Kings Heath High Street, Birmingham, on Friday by three men, as shoppers looked on, and then raped repeatedly.

"She's screaming and has the sweats and has become very panicky and clinging." said her mother, who lives in Birmingham. She said that her "bright and popular" girl wanted to become a midwife when she left school but now had been left with mental scars which she would bear for years.

There is a gaping door in her mind and it will never be closed. She will have to come to terms with it."

"She is receiving counselling. She wants to get back to the way she was but she will never be like that again. "She was an outgoing and

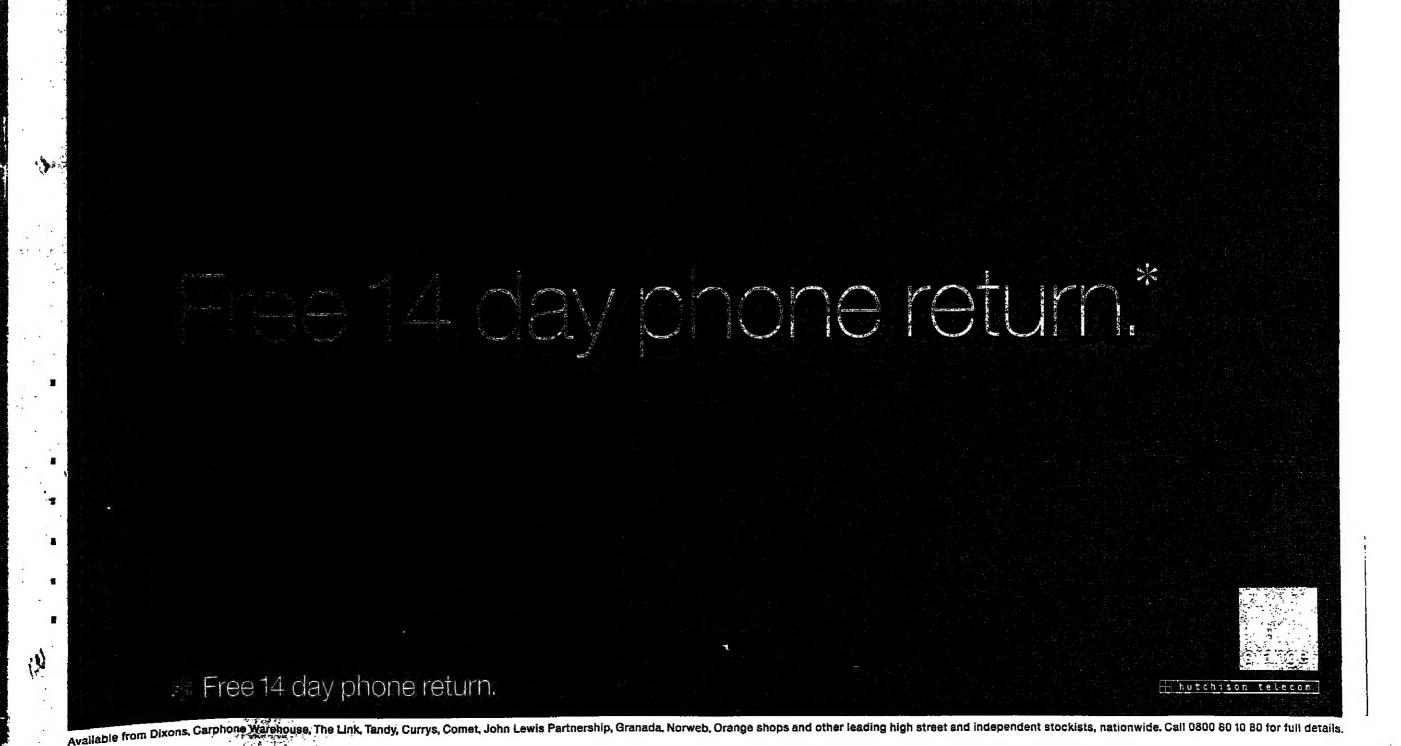
popular person, and is now rightened for her life. I want to take the hurt away, but I can't take away her hurt." She said her daughter want-

She does not want people to

know in case it gets out because she's frightened for The mother made an emotional appeal for the witnesses who ignored her daughter's plight to come forward. She said: "Somebody must have

seen something even the

smallest thing may prove "How could the public have let this happen? It must have appeared suspicious."



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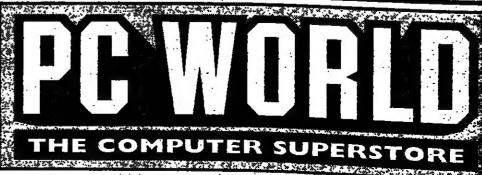
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a family who lost mother in 999 wait

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

A FAMILY who say their mother died after waiting 75 minutes for an ambulance have been given £35,000 in an out-of-court settlement. The payment is made up of £25,000 irom a doctor and £14,000 on behalf of the London Ambu-

lance Service
A court hearing had been scheduled to begin next week. Lawyers for relativest of Harmesh Mahal, 55, a mother of three, allege that it noof, 75 minutes for an ambulance to arrive at her home in Southall west London. She had suffered a heart attack and died after a second one which happened as she waited for the ambu-

Her relatives are pressing for an inquiry into an alleged disagreement between a doctor in their home and the ambulance crew which arrived to take Mrs Mahai to hospital. "One of the things we want investigated is what took place between the crew of the ambulance and a locum GP as my mother lay dying on the floor," said her son, Manjit, 33, a trainee solicitor.

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The family say that a control room tape, which would have recorded exactly how long the ambulance took to reach her, was erased. It should have been kept for six months but was wiped after one month even though the family had given notice of legal action,

they allege. Mr Mahal said: There was some doubt whether it would came to court because of the lack of information being provided by the LAS. They claim the ambulance took only 13 minutes although they have no evidence."

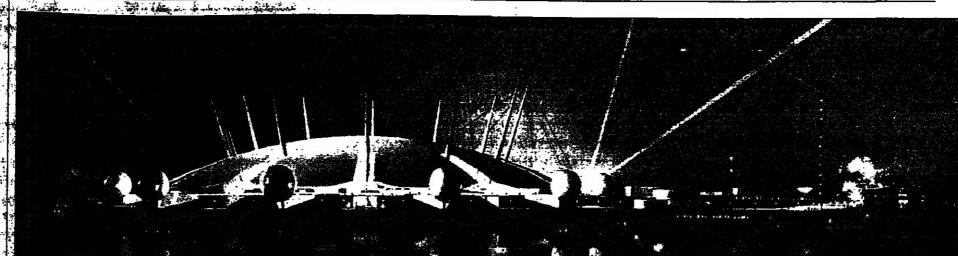
Mr Mahal believes his mother would have survived if the ambulance had arrived in time. "The second attack killed her because she suffered brain damage due to her heart stopping," he said.

I made a series of calls to the London Ambulance-Service but the delay was extraordinary and we think the London Ambulance, Service

should be held to account."

Mrs Mahal, who worked in an electronics factory, had been the main family earner since her busband family. crushed his handin a parting

Payout for Cross between marquee and dome will transform derelict land at Greenwich



The fabric dome will be suspended from a ring of 100-metre-high masts. Views from the mezzanine platform should range from the Thames Barrier to the City

Giant tent will cover millennium site

BY MARCUS BINNEY

down by the Lilliputians."

IT IS the biggest, best and brightest idea since Paxton raised the Crystal Palace. The centrepiece of the Millennium Exhibition in Greenwich is to be a "thundering great dome", large enough to enclose Tra-falgar Square and all the surrounding buildings. Up to 50,000 people would be able to visit the exhibition under cover at any one time.

The huge dome is to be situated at the point of Greenwich peninsula, looking our across the water on three sides. Inside, it would be more than 1,000ft across at its widest point and high enough to enclose Nelson's Column.

The structure, designed by Michael Davies of the Richard Rogers Partnership, is to be suspended from a ring of 12 100-metre-high masts projecting through the fabric roof. It's like a marquee, with the roof hung from very fine

the masts," Mr Davies said. The dome will also be tenand the City to the west. sioned round the edge, like Yesterday the plans for the Gulliver when he was tied

The decision to contain most of the exhibition under a single roof was prompted by the site's exposed position on the river. The project engineer, Ian Liddell, said: "The dome is designed to resist the strongest hurricane-force winds. It will have a strength equivalent to, or greater than, a solid masonry structure. In high winds, there will be some movement in the fabric roof, but it will not be noticeable from the ground." It could be heated in winter or cooled with huge fans in the roof during the

A 35-metre-wide mezzanine platform would surround the dome, linking restaurants, bars and cafés looking over the river and into the exhibition hall. Views would take in

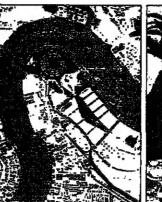
the Thames Barrier to the east

dome and the entire 130-acre Millennium Park were submitted to Greenwich Borough Council for planning permission. As the dome would be a temporary structure, it is hoped that a lengthy public inquiry can be avoided.

Despite the rumours of recent months, finance for the

exhibition is now in place. The Millennium Commission is giving a £200 million grant. The project would be undertaken by a public sector company which would have to raise at least £150 million in sponsorship, some of which is already committed. The project would, however,

be underwritten by the Gov-ernment, through the Nat-ional Lottery, although details have still to be worked out. With forecast revenues of £150 million for the year-long



Michael Davies has designed the dome to cope with the exposed position of the festival site

budget would be £500 million. If the exhibition were to open for a second year, it might even make a profit.

Mr Davies said: "The dome will be a very cost-effective way of covering a large space. Our target is a structure

costing no more than the average DIY centre. Anything cheaper would mean a series

of marquees." The centrepiece of the domed interior is to be a 15,000-seat open arena, available for a continuous series of

but still under the dome, would be a series of 12 pavilions devoted to different aspects of time.

The dome is to be of white fabric, translucent but not transparent, and would glow at night. Though intended as a landmark, it would not dominate east London like the tower at Canary Wharf.

There would be two river entrances, but most visitors would be expected to arrive on the new Jubilee Underground extension. The station serving the site has been designed by Sir Norman Foster and would be only 14 minutes from central London. There should be parking for 500 coaches. but the organisers intend to limit access by car.

There have been widespread concerns about contamination from the gasworks site on which the exhibition will be built. The site would be capped with concrete, sealing

Guernsey legalises abortions

Guernsey yesterday became the last area in the British Isles to legalise abortion. The sland's government decided by 34 votes to 20 to allow terminations up to the twelfth week of pregnancy, provided two doctors gave their consent. Since 1910, abortion on Guernsey had been punishable by life imprisonment, forcing 150 women a year to travel to neighbouring Sark, Herm and Alderney to obtain a legal abortion.

Hewitt in court

James Hewitt, 38, the former lover of the Princess of Wales, pleaded not guilty at Okehampton to a drink-driv-ing charge and to driving a Range Rover without a test certificate on the A30 at Whiddon Down, Devon. The case was adjourned.

Demolition order

Four families will have their homes demolished to create a new entrance to a housing estate in Swansea. The city council took the decision after the owner of the present access road threatened residents with legal action if they continued to use it.

First novel at 9

A novel by a nine-year-old schoolboy, written when he was seven, is published today by Populace Press. Oliver Hughes, of Ramsbury School, Wiltshire, wrote Imagine, an adventure involving man-eating yetis, for a class project about Nepal.

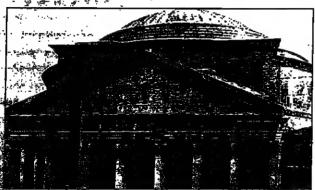
£250,000 raid

A widow aged 70 suffered shock and bruising when two masked intruders locked her in a bedroom cupboard before escaping with jewellery worth £250,000 from her flat in Poole, Dorset. She later kicked her way out and called the police.

Time flies home

A Wiltshire student who lost his wristwatch while dancing in a Jersey nightclub found it two months later when he asked a stranger the time in Basingstoke. The girl had also been to the nightclub on holiday and found the watch.

Building for the future owes much to designs of the past



BY NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

THE vast construction designed to house the Millennium Exhibition draws on two ancient structural traditions: the dome and the tent. By combining these two traditions the dome's architects have been able to exploit both sentiment and sound building practice. The dome is the strongest shape available, while the tent enables a huge area to be covered at low cost and without great difficulties of

Tents were first used by nomads in 8,000 BC. They were reinvented as a architect Frei Otto, who designed the German pavilion at the Montreal Expo in 1967 and the elegant Olympic Stadium in Munich, which covered 18 acres and was supported by nine masts, each 260ft high. from which hung a network of cables.

The Millennium Dome will cover about 19.5 acres. It has been called the largest domed structure in the world, but this gives a slightly false impression. Treated as a tent, it will not be the biggest: a much bigger one covering 105 acres has been built in Jedda to shelter pilgrims to holy Muslim sites. As a dome, it is stupendously large, but it is unfair to compare a stayed structure suspended from masts

Houston Astrodome, which covers more than nine acres. The first great dome, the Pantheon in

Rome, was built in AD 123. Spanning 142ft, barely a seventh of the Millennium Dome, it was built of concrete, and still stands. The Romans knew that a dome would bulge at the bottom it not restrained and built the supporting walls 23ft thick. Later architects, such as Filippo Brunelleschi in Florence and Sir Christopher Wren at St Paul's, ringed their domes with iron hoops or chains.

The Millennium Dome is to be roofed with light translucent fabric. It is unlikely to stand for as long as the Pantheon; the

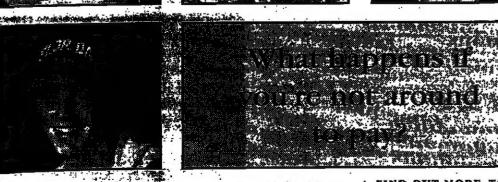












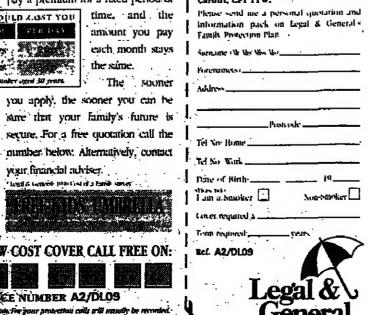
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British study

strengthens

Nasa claim of

life on Mars

BY NIGEL HAWKES AND NICK BOOTH

OPEN University researchers

produced new evidence vester-

and might still exist there.

day that life evolved on Mars

The evidence, presented at a

meeting at the Royal Society, strengthens claims made in

August by scientists from the

American space agency Nasa that life had evolved on Mars.

That evidence came from a

meteorite which originated on

Mars and was found in Ant-

The Open University team
- Professor Colin Pillinger.

Monica Grady and Jan

Wright - yesterday presented

the results of their research on

fragments of the meteorite. called AH \$4001. They have

extracted small amounts of

carbonates from the meteorite

and found a mixture of carbon

isotopes characteristic of the

methane generated by mi-

crobes. These isotopes match

those found in organic materi-

als in rocks containing the

Dr Wright said yesterday:

"We reanalysed grains within

the meteorite and the carbon-

based material we found had

to have been formed by micro-

bial activity. There is no other

Earth's oldest fossils.

arctica in 1984.

gun for life on Mars. I believe

we will be in a position soon to study Martian metabolism."

each finer than a human hair.

were analysed and each had a different chemical composi-

tion. One showed signs of

changes to its carbon chemis-

try which is similar to meth-

ane-producing bacteria on

Earth. The group also looked

again at another meteorite

from Mars, which it first

examined in the 1980s. In 1989

it published a paper showing

that the meteorite, AH 79001

AH 79001, discovered in 1979, is only 200 million years

old, compared with the 3.6

billion years of AH 84001. It

shows signs of the same

unusual chemistry found in

the presence of organic mate-

rials was not taken to indicate

signs of life, but the Nasa

results led to a reappraisal.

Without that work, we would

not have looked again," Dr

Wright said. "I was as shocked

as anybody else. We tend to be

cautious as scientists, but I

believe I can say life existed

When originally analysed,

contained carbonates.

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Children performing one of the Church's "action" songs yesterday at the launch of the new songbook at St John the Baptist church school in Hackney, east London

Church songbook sings praises of dancing in the aisles

Ringing the changes: a song to cheer up services

London, where children aged

songs complete with actions, the book is said to be the first

compilation of its kind and

was welcomed by teachers and clergy alike. Hamish

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

CHURCHGOERS are invited to "do the Holy Hokey" and take part in barn dances in the aisles in a new Church of England songbook

launched yesterday.

Although the book is aimed primarily at children, the church publishers hope that adults will also let their hair down and help to introduce youngsters to the brighter side of religion with titles such as I like Eating Sandwiches and Cakes and Prayer is Like a Telephone (for us to talk to Jesus).

In Who's The King of The The songbook, Jump Up If You're Wearing Red. published by Church House, the

headquarters of the established church, features "ac-tion" songs of a type more readily associated with holiday camps and parties. It includes He's Got The Whole World In His Hands, the old children's favourite Wide, Wide as the Ocean and songs with lines such as "He gives me lips to eat my chips".

Jungle?, a congregation is invited to act and sound like monkeys. Another, Here Come The Frogs, Hopping Round the Pond, is intended to reinforce the idea that God can come to worshippers through experience of his

Prayer is like a telephone

created world. Others feature John the Baptist church dubious words, such as in the school in Hackney, east lines "The Lord said to Noah, three to nine performed the

There's going to be a floody, floody, floody. Traditionalists might be partly appeased by the inclusion of one Latin chorus. Domine Deus. Launched yesterday at St a former English teacher, said: "We believe children should have a balanced diet in terms of the songs they sing in church and school. This should include traditional hymns as well as action

songs."
He said that although the book was compiled for children, he hoped that adults would also use it in worship when children were present: "I was a chorister for 30 years and come from a very poor background. The first time I saw an action song, it was a complete culture shock.

"For some adults it is difficult to sing action songs, but they are ways that child-

also, can learn to take part in . using action in worship."

Diana Murrie, the Church of England children's officer. said: "Apart from a football"

terrace, there is nowhere else where you can stand and sing loudly and in a safe Sr Enid, of St Margaret's community of nuns, said: "It is an excellent book, and we

work in Sunday schools and ☐ Jump Up If You're Wear-ing Red! £9.95. Church House Publishing. Great Smith St. London SWIP

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Hunting season opens to threat of ban by Labour

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

FOLLOWERS of fox hunting face a new threat to their sport as they turn out for the official opening of the hunting season today. For some hunts it could

Stepping up its anti-hunting campaign, the Labour Party announced yesterday that, if would immediately stop all hunting with hounds on land owned by the Forestry Com-mission and the Ministry of Defence. About 100 fox, deer and hare hunts use such land and would lose at least part of their territory. Some hunts have almost no other land and would face closure.

Elliot Morley, the Labour spokesman on animal welfare, said a Labour Government would impose the ban without waiting for the free vote that the party is pledged to allow in the Commons.

There is no reason why we could not act immediately. We would suspend the granting of all licences and permits for hunting on Forestry Commis-sion and Ministry of Defence land while we reviewed the suitability of such activity. The licences are normally renewed

every September." John Bryant, chief officer of the League Against Cruel Sports, said: "Labour's announcement is the penultimate nail in hunting's coffin. The move will affect at least a third of Britain's packs. Many will not be able to survive unless they switch to drag-

hunting."
The British Field Sports Society admitted such a ban would have a devastating impact on some hunts, including the Quantock Stag Hounds in Somerset, the New Forest Fox Hounds and New Forest Buck Hounds in Hampshire, and the Royal Artillery, which hunts on Min-istry of Defence land on Salis-

bury Plain. Adam Waugh, Master of the New Forest Fox Hounds. which is almost entirely dependent on access to Forestry Commission land, said: This would be a completely outrageous thing for the Labour Party to do. There would be a riot by commoners who own grazing rights in the New Forest. Their free-range pigs and sheep are particularly vulnerable to predation and look to the hunt to keep foxes under control."

Baroness Mallalieu. Opposition legal affairs spokeswoman in the Lords who heads a Labour prohunting group, said: "I am astonished that Mr Morley should have made this announcement without any proper consultation with other sections of the party. I would also question the legality of any ban."



Wayne Bull with the "pike" that was too stiff to be real

Angler caught out by giant pike prank

BY EMMA WILKINS

ANGLERS who saw a photograph in their local paper of Wayne Bull cradling a 37 lb 3 oz pike at the edge of a lake felt sure someone was spinning a yarn. For a start, the huge fish was a little stiff for one just plucked from the water — not surprisingly, because it was made of pa-

pier mâchē and resin. Now, despite his protestations that it was only a joke. Mr Bull, 27, a sign painter, has been banned from Westbere Lake near Canterbury, where the "pike" was

supposedly caught. A repentant Mr Bull, from Ramsgate, Kent, said the 4ft model had been made by a colleague. "All we wanted to

might want to put it in a "I took the picture into a local tackle shop and I can only think it was someone

do was prove it looked genuine in the hope that someone

who went into the shop who contacted the bailiff of the lake. We fully intended to tell the bailiff what happened." Clive Sherliker, the lakes

manager, said: "We all got excited when news of the catch started coming through. It does sound like itwas a joke that has backfreed, but we cannot tolerate this sort of behaviour. We shall be writing to Mr Bulftelling

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Brothers accuse Snow of humiliating their sick mother

By CAROL MIDGLEY

HIE newsreader Jon Snow as accused by his brothers sterday of a "pitiless humili-ation" of their elderly mother publicly blaming her for his difficulty in forming close

relationships.
In a new book, Sons and nothers, Snow portrays his 85-year-old mother Joan, a bishop's widow who now has Alzheimer's disease, as a cold and undemonstrative figure who rarely kissed or hugged him. She had also left him, he says, with a "pathological fear" of claustrophobic relationships with women.

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When, five years ago, the time came for her to be moved into full-time care, Snow was "ruthless" in his refusal to make sacrifices for her.

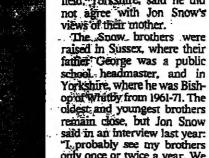
Yesterday his elder brother Tom attacked the memoir in a letter to The Guardian. He said: "It is simply pitiless. Selfindulgence has gained the upper hand over decency. I cannot see how anything in his childhood can now justify the humiliation of our mother. whose memory of those times has been wiped out. She is therefore, quite literally, defenceless in the face of such



Jon Snow recalled rare monachis of intimacy

He agreed with criticism by his brother on the "inherent cruelty" of boarding schools, but added: "Upper middle class life of the 1950s equips my brother with no excuse for failing to accept full moral responsibility for his own life in late middle age."

Tom Snow, who lives in south London, declined to enlarge on his letter yesterday. His youngest brother Nicho-las, who is chief architect for Kirklees Council in Hudders-



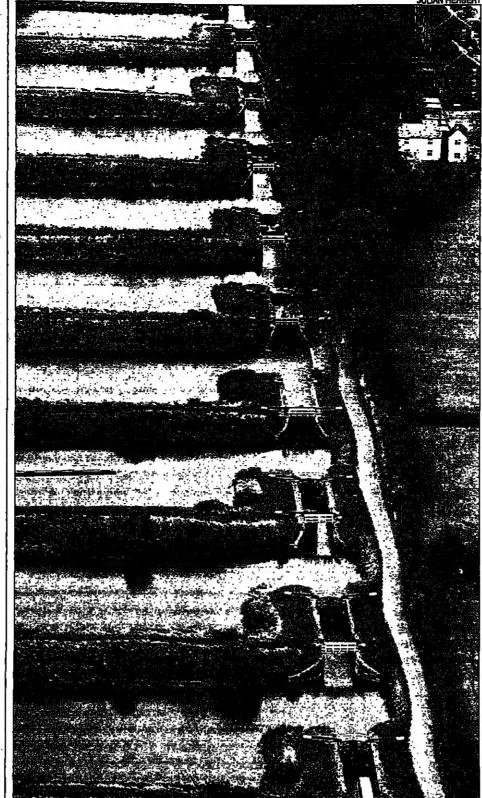
raised in Sussex, where their father George was a public school headmaster, and in Yorkshire, where he was Bishop of Whitby from 1961-71. The dest and youngest brothers remain close, but Jon Snow said in an interview last year: L probably see my brothers only once or twice a year. We are a pretty distant family. It's a great pity but you can't artificially engineer these things."

Yesterday the Channel 4 newsreader refused to comment on the public row but added: "Anything you want to use from the book is fine." His cousin, the Newsnight presenter Peter Snow, also declined to

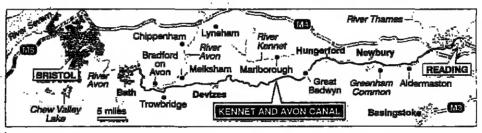
Jon Snow, 49, has two daughters with his partner Madeleine Colvin. Their earlier relationship was broken off in 1979 when he was briefly engaged to the Radio 4 presenter Anna Ford. In Sons and Mothers, an anthology with several contributors, he indicates that his mother was totally dedicated to his father, who died of a stroke in 1977, leaving little room for the

He maintains that he was closer to his mother than his brothers and that she was resentful of him having girlfriends. He likens her to Gertrude, the jealous mother D.H. Lawrence's novel Sons and Lovers. His only intimate moments were on Fridays when, after having their hair washed, the brothers would lie on towels in front of the gas fire in their mother's bedroom.

Beyond those treasured moments in front of the fire, I have no memory of any other tactile life with her," he says. "I never sat on her lap, or ran my fingers through her hair, as my children do with mine." He concludes that this has left him with "an appreciation of the openness, touch, friendship and love that eluded so much of my relationship with



The lock system at Devizes, part of the 87-mile Kennet and Avon Canal



Lottery cash saves says sports waterway treasure

BY NICK NUTTALL

THE restoration of the Kennet and Avon Canal, one of Britain's most famous waterways, has been assured by a £25 million grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The fund announced yesterday that it was giving the canal, which links the Thames at Reading with the Avon at Bristol, its largest grant since it began distribut-ing National Lottery proceeds in January last year.

The money marks the crowning achievement of a 30-year campaign by enthusiasts, local councils and British Waterways to save the S7-mile waterway, which fell into disuse in the 1930s.

The canal is considered a jewel of 18th and 19th century engineering. At Devizes are 29 locks, the longest flight in Britain, and along its route are splendid stone bridges and neo-classical aqueducts, including those at Avoncliffe and Limpley Stoke. The canal also has five Sites of Special Scientific Interest along its

David Fletcher, chief executive of British Waterways, which owns and manages the canal, described it yesterday as a treasure house of Britain's industrial history. "Providing a sustainable future for its special environment and magnificient monuments will benefit millions,"

Much of the money will be spent on improving access to the towpath and building ramps to help disabled vistors to enjoy the canal, its buildings and monuments and freshwater wildlife.

Michael Goodenough, the waterway manager, said the investment from the lottery would trigger a leisure boom along the canal, with private investors eager to develop marinas, waterside restaurants and pubs.

Another notable grant of £6.5 million, has been allocated to the restoration of the Royal Gunpowder Mills at Waltham Abbey, Essex. For over three centuries, until their closure in 1991, the mills provided the explosives needed by the armed services and, not surprisingly, have never been open to the public.

SPORTS clubs should be given tax-free charitable status because they are taking over from the Church in binding fragmented communities together, Virginia Bottomley said yesterday.

Bottomley

clubs need

tax breaks

By DOMINIC KENNEDY

The National Heritage Secretary has called on the Charity Commission to recognise organisations, such as bowls and tennis clubs, for fostering of community spirit. They cannot claim charity status at the moment because they are considered to be run only in their members' interest.

Mrs Bottomley said: "Life is more fragmented. There are more short-term contracts. families are by their nature more short term. It is more important to invest in things that bind society together.

"Traditionally the Church has done it. The places around which people congregate today are sport, a football match, a film, a pop concert. The use of arts, sports and heritage as a catalyst to bring the community together is very timely, together with a reinforcement of the role of

voluntary organisations. "We can get young people involved in sport, in football, netball, basketball, in orchestras. It's giving people a stake in the community.

Mrs Bottomley says her favourite National Lottery statistic is the EIO million that has been shared between 181 bowls clubs. She also pointed to £47 million for new swimming pools, £23 million for football, £21 million for athletics, £17 million for cricket and £17 million £15 million for tennis. Small volunteer-led community groups are to be given £350,000 to pool information on fundraising and administration.

☐ Lord Rothschild, chairman of Heritage Lottery Fund. launched its annual report yesterday with a warning that proceeds were being diverted to replace government grants for heritage and the arts. He said: "If grants continue to be cut, the creeping process of lottery monies substituting for aid will inevitably follow. The result will be a spectacular Uturn on everything the Government said when the Lottery was launched."





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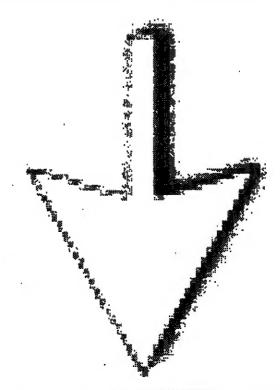
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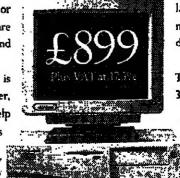
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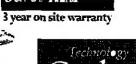
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Harding's wife and girlfriend share front pew at funeral

BY EMMA WILKINS

THE wife and girlfriend of Matthew Harding, the late vice-chairman of Chelsea Football Club, met for the first time at his funeral yesterday. Ruth Harding, 42, and Vicky Jaramillo, 25, shared the front pew but did not speak or exchange glances during the service at St Mar-garet's Church in Ditchling,

Mr Harding, who had pledged £1 million to the Lab-our Party shortly before his death, was killed in a helicopter crash in Cheshire last eck. Among the mourners at the 13th-century church were John Prescott, deputy Labour leader, Ken Bates, the chair-man of Chelsea, and Glenn Hoddle, the England coach.

outside the church. The note read: "Soulmate and love of my life. Forever and ever yours, Vicky." Mrs Harding, married to her husband for 20 years before he left her in the was accompanied by their children, Hannah, IS, Luke, and twins Patrick and Joel.
 Hannah and Joel read the

After the service, a spokes-man for the Benfield Group, Mr Harding's insurance com-pany, said that his £200 mildiscretionary trust. "Matthew requested that his wife and her children, and girlfriend and her children, are properly provided for and will continue to live at their respective clear wishes to the trustees that they support, for as long

both the Benfield Group and Chelsea." The statement was intended to end speculation which will not be published

was from Francis Maude, a former Conservative MP who had been a friend of Mr Harding since their days at Abingdon School, Oxfordshire. "Matthew was driven. competitive, creative, touched with a bit of genius," he said. His passion for Chelsea was back, with love and thanks for an extraordinary man." ☐ Labour launched its most

costly advertising campaign ed by the El million Harding donation. The nationwide poster blitz will have the slogan "Enough is Enough".



Vicky Jaramillo: left her wreath outside the church

Pilot not licensed for bad weather'

THE pilot of the helicopter in which Matthew Harding diedwas not licensed to fly in bad weather conditions, it was disclosed yesterday. Reports differ as to the seriousness of weather conditions at the time of the crash and friends of the pilot, Michael Goss. 38, insist he would not have taken off if they had been bad.

Mr Goss, who also died in the crash, was not instrumentrated, meaning he was not licensed to use navigational instruments to fly through bad weather. Investigators are whether pilot error was to blame and whether Mr Goss should have taken off. The balloonist Per Lind-

few hours before Mr Goss a lot of fog. It was definitely not a night to be flying a helicopter. I would not have flown to Bolton and back in those conditions, he said.

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Ovary removal can. help cancer victims

By A STAFF REPORTER

For every 100 women allocated to the ablation group, an extra six were still alive 15 years later compared with the controls. The analysis was carried out under the auspices of the Early Breast Cancer Trialists' Collaborative Group, an international cooperative of researchers.

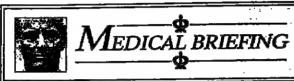
The results confirmed the findings of a ten-year followup of the trials published by the group four years ago. The researchers, co-ordinated by the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, wrote: "In women aged under 50 with early breast cancer, ablation of functioning long-term survival, at least in the absence of chemotherapy." Previous studies have

to breast cancer and chances: of the disease recurring.

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Birth can be the death of passion for most women



man who was to be her husband. Mrs Le Page, who was then 22, was engaged to him within a week and before they married shortly after-wards they had decided to have children.

When in May 1990 Mrs Le Page was admitted to Kings-Thames, for delivery she was expecting twins. Her Caesarean section was not a success and she needed a hysterecto-my. A judge decided there had been "a catalogue of errors" and awarded her

Mrs Le Page based her claim on two counts. She was disappointed that she would children and suffered severe jealousy when she saw pregcant women or newborn babies. Her claim was also based on the effect the birth had had on her marriage: she believed that her husband's adultery was the direct result of her loss of libido after the hysterectomy. Mrs Le Page feit de-sexed and found her husband physically repulsive. Although Mrs Le Page had

such a traumatic time during delivery, it may not be alto-gether fair to blame a loss of sexual desire upon that experience. Difficulties during childbirth may certainly contribute to loss of libido, but this also often occurs for many months after a perfect-ly straightforward labour.

For five years the Leicester Motherhood Project studied, attitude of local women to sex after childbirth. Forty per cent said that their feelings about sexual intercourse had changed after giving birth. Among the older women, which in obstetric terms is over 35, 24 per cent had no sex nor had 7 per cent of the younger women. Thirty-eight per cent of the older women they had agreed to it and 27
per cent of the under-35s felt
the same way. Only 37 per
cent of the over-35s and 33 per cent of the younger women were having sex more than ouce a week a year after

childbirth. found that in the year after childbirth 79 per cent of the over-35s and more than half of the younger women no longer enjoyed intercourse. 63 per cent and 36 per cent respectively did not even enjoy kissing or close bodily contact - 77 per cent of the over-35s and just over 50 per cent of the younger women were rarely or never aroused and more than a third and more than a half-respectively felt inhibited about sex in

general. Fortunately time and, with it, a return to the old hormonal balance, restores libido.

> DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

WOMEN with breast cancer can survive longer if their ova-ries are "switched off" or removed, according to doctors, An overview of 12 clinical trials across the world showed that ovarian ablation - stopping the normal function of the ovaries with surgery or radiotherapy - could increase life expectancy by up to 15 years. The study, published in The Lancet yesterday, involved 2,102 women aged under 50 who were generally pre-menopausal. In trials before 1980, they were split into groups and given ovarian ablation by surgery or irradiation, or a control treatment.

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shown that oestrogen pro-duced by the ovaries is linked

But cancer experts are still unable to agree whether the benefits of hormone deprivation are outweighed by the disadvantages. Ovarian ablation may incur side effects that include acute menopausal... symptoms and the long-term effects of an early menopause.

In a commentary on the research also published in The Lancet, Dr Victor Barley of the Bristol Oncology Centre wrote: "Even if we can counsel. patients about the relative safety of hormone deprivation. it is still not clear which group of patients will gain most from this operation.

☐ Blood tests taken from the mother could provide a safer form of prenatal diagnosis for the University of California has shown (Nigel Hawkes writes). Existing tests that involve taking samples from the womb pose a small risk tothe unborn baby. Another advantage is that the blood tests could be taken earlier in the pregnancy, when an abortion is less traumatic to the mother-

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Phone tap evidence may be allowed in trials of terrorists

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is consider-ing allowing information gathered by phone tapping to be admissable evidence in UK courts to combat terrorist and organised crime.

A senior law lord who has reviewed anti-terrorist laws yesterday joined Sir Hugh Annesley, the former RUC chief constable, in urging the Government to allow phone-

tap evidence in courts.

Michael Howard is holding discussions over the possibility of introducing the measure. It could be brought in as a new clause to either of the Government's law and order measures, the Crime (sentences) Bill or the Police Bill which the Home Secretary will publish today.

Lord Lloyd of Berwick made his call in a 176-page report which called for a toughening of laws to deal with all kinds of terrorism and also recommended a relaxation of key measures in the event of Ireland. His review of the existing legislation was set up last December before the IRA ceasefire ended in February. Lord Lloyd said that materi-

al gained from telephone taps in cases of national security should be allowed as there was no special difficulty in presenting the evidence in court. "In terrorist cases, where the terrorist has, in a sense, delcared war on our society and our democratic way of doing things, then society is surely entitled to defend itself. It should not be obliged to fight with one arm tied behind its back."

He recommended a new definition of terrorism, a new concept of terrorist offences, an extension of the power to ban terrorist organisations to cover foreign groups and a new offence of being concerned in the preparation of

Lord Lloyd offers a new definition of terrorism as:

against persons or property, or the threat to sue such violence, to intimidate or coerce a government, the public or any sections of the public in order to promote political, or ideological social objectives."

There is little likelihood of the Government acting imm-ediately on any of Lord Lloyd's recommendations, but Mr Howard promised to consider the report carefully.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern.

the Lord Chancellor, gave his backing to a shake-up of civil justice with a pledge to pro-vide the necessary resources to implement the radical reforms of the Woolf report. He said that the reforms,

aimed at cutting costs and delays, would be brought in as soon as possible. He also made clear that his own proposals for overhauling legal aid would not be brought before the new framework for civil justice was in place in

Student shines as poet laureate in the sun

EAT your heart out. Ted Hughes. A British job hunt-er has succeeded in winning himself employment as poet laureate to a group of sun-drenched islands in the south Pacific

Daniel Wilson, a student aged 21 from St Anne's, Lancashire, wrote to the government of the Kiribatis proposing himself as their poet laureate. To his astonishment it promptly wrote back saying: "The job is

Mr Wilson said yesterday: I have always enjoyed toy-ing with words and I was thinking about trying to combine that interest with the perfect place to work. I was looking through a geo-graphic magazine in a dentist's waiting room when I saw this picture of a beautiful woman sitting on a white sand beach. I thought that

was the place for me.

I decided to send a letter addressed to the government of the islands, not knowing whether there even was such a thing. Basically I made up the post of poet laureate for the Kiribatis and told them how much they needed one. I included my CV and a poem about the place, even though



Daniel Wilson expects to find a new hut ready and waiting for him on the beach

I knew next to nothing about

Mr Wilson admitted that he had never expected a response, let alone an acceptance from the 33 islands. which make up a British Protectorate and were used as the location for Mutiny on the Bounty.

congratulated me on my poem and what they called simple and touching letter dropped through my verses. The letter said they front door. It came from would be delighted to ap-Riki-aua Takeke, private sec-

retary to the President. It

their own on the island. It also said they could arrange to have a hut built for me

when I arrive." There are a few details yet to be decided. "Saiary is to be negotiated." Mr Wilson said. "I am not sure if I am to be paid by the line, but I think my but will be built near the beach. They said that it would be the best place

for inspiration. "Nothing will keep me from going there. I am already saving for the fare and I will be there this summer." He has already planned the journey, which will cost £850 one way or £1,000 return.

This is the poem which impressed the islanders:

I'd like to live in Kiribati. I feel it is the country for me. Writing poems for all the

people Underneath a coconu: tree. The fishermen, the teachers. The harvesters of taro All living on the coral isles So beautiful, so narrow. I'd make them smile with

words of verse About all the things they see And which makes them feel so fortunate to live in Kiribati

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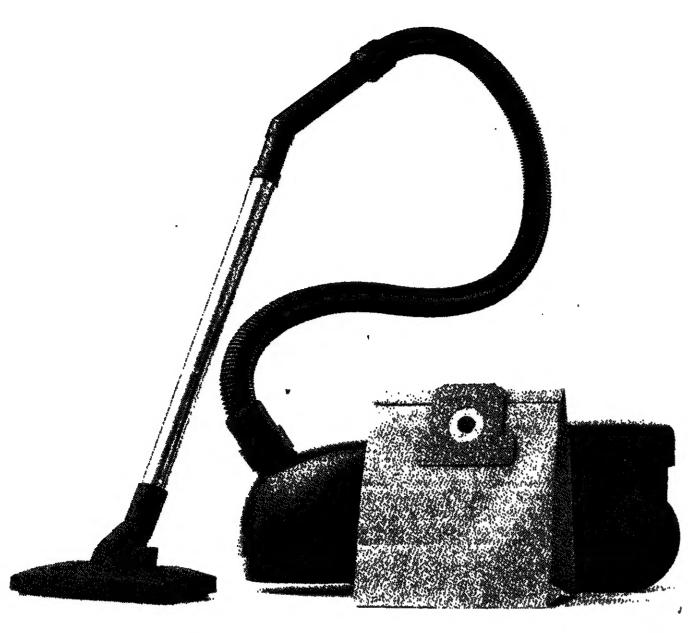
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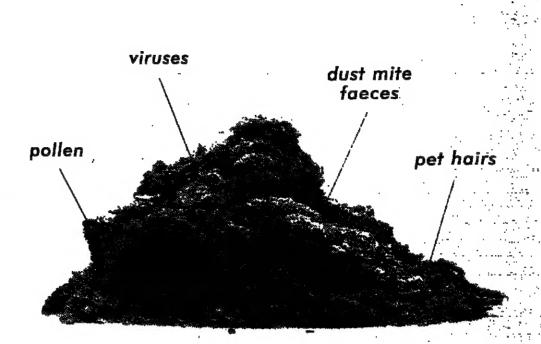
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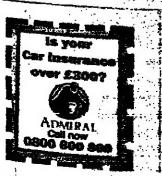
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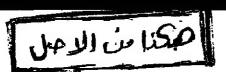
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EMU would cost Britain billions, ministers warned

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOINING a single currency Committee accused European they assue honds interest rates would cost the British taxpayer billions of pounds in help for European states that face huge pension debts, ministers were warned yesterday.

Other countries in the European Union have far bigger commitments than Britain, which has led the Continent in transferring the provision of state pensions to the private sector. According to a crossparty Commons report, mem-bership of monetary union would mean Britain having to share the soaring costs of supporting pensioners throughout the EU.

Although the report was seized upon by Euro-sceptie MPs as evidence of the dangers of monetary union, Treasury ministers immediately denied its main argument by claiming that the Maastricht treaty protected Britain from being saddled with other countries' pension debts.

The Social Security Select

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The report claims that, if
which must be kept within Britain's national debt includtight limits before countries ed the £200 billion liability for can join a single currency.

The committee came under pressure from senior European Commission officials who, according to an appendix to the report, asked them to encourage debate but to "stop short of saying there should be no EMU". Although the MPs avoid going that far, they demand that ministers persuade their European colleagues to take account of pension liabilities in deciding whether member states can

join a single currency.
Frank Field, the committee's Labour chairman, accused the Commission of trying to dodge a crisis threatening many European member They can't cut pensions because people will go out on the streets and riot, if

state pensions, it would increase from its present £5,000 per person to £9,000 per person. If Britain had also to share other European pension debts, the figure could increase to £30,000 per person. £2,000 billion.

"As the UK's outstanding public pensions habilities are substantially below those of other EU members, there would be a risk that if the UK joined a single currency, British taxpayers could be called upon to help finance the pay as you go pension obliga-

tions of other members."

However, William Waldegrave. Chief Secretary to the Treasury, told the Commons that there was "no question" of Britain taking on other coun**PENSION SPENDING**





The pensions gap: Frank Field, left, sees a crisis ahead; William Waldegrave says Britain has nothing to worry about

tries' pension costs. Other countries "will find themselves . . . either having to cut pension entitlements, as some of them are trying to do now and causing trouble in the streets, or they will have to put um taxes".

The report says that Britain would have to "suffer the consequences of being tied to interest rates on the single currency that were forced up by the market pressures of financing certain countries' inherited pension commitpension commitments". The European Central Bank might come under pressure to relax monetary

policy by printing money or countries might "borrow their way out of financial pres-sures", possibly by raising the yield on bonds. This could backfire on Britain, leading to

industrial costs and damaging employment prospects. Germany has already taken the lead among EU countries in trying to reduce its spiralling pensions bill by increasing the pension age to 67, provoking demonstrations. Other countries are expected to follow suit in reducing the burden on the state bill by

reducing pension payments or

rises in mortgage rates and

encouraging younger workers to join private schemes.

The private pension indus-

try in Britain is greater than the combined private provison throughout the rest of Europe. Independent research suggests that Britain's state pension schemes are valued at one fifth of gross domestic product, but those of France, Germany and Italy are at least

the equivalent of their GDP. The report says that attempts so far by countries such as France and Germany to reduce their public debt by cutting social security benefits had met with "flerce political

industrial counter-action". Although the MPs insisted that they were not peddling a Euro-sceptic line, pro-European ministers said that the

ment for a single currency.

Davies. Tory vice-chairman of the European Movement, said: "The Maastricht treaty's rules prevent one member state's taxpayers being allowed to bail out another member state's debts. British taxpayers cannot and will not be asked to fund the rescue of other coun-

tries' pensions systems."

report was flawed and de-

signed to undermine the argu-

MP favours Bill on under-age drinkers

By Andrew Pierce

PLANS to give the police powers to confiscate alcohol from under-age drinkers in the street, which were dropped from the Queen's Speech, are likely to be piloted through the Commons by a Tory MP.

But Dr Robert Spink, who won third place in the annual ballot for Private member's Bills yesterday, will face strong pressure to propose legislation favoured by the anti-abortion lobby. Dr Spink. the parliamentary aide to Ann Widdecombe, a Home Office minister, said he had yet to decide but was drawn towards

the under-age drinking ban. Nigel Waterson (C. Eastbourne), who came fourth in the ballot, is considering a Bill to enable the prosecution in Britain of paedophiles who commit offences abroad.

Jimmy Wray (Lab. Glasgow Provan) topped the poll and Barry Legg (C, Milton Keynes SW) was second. Neither has disclosed his intention. More than 300 backbenchers entered but only the first four will be guaranteed a second reading for their Bills.

How far should **Tories venture** on moral values?

66 T is the economy, stu-pid." James Carville's farnous slogan from the 1992 presidential campaign has echoed through both this year's contest and Tory debates now over election strategy. Is a strong economy enough to win reelection and how far should the Tories try to take the initiative in the family values debate? The latest MORI poll debate? The latest MORI poll those who have changed party for The Times can be seen as a allegiance since 1992.

warning of the risks, but the experience of the Clinton the Strong administration shows the potential.

the most important issues with religion and vague moral facing Britain, law and order statements which are either Than is partly a reflection of the publicity given to Frances Lawrence's moral manifesto as well as the wrangling between the parties over gun control, knives, stalking and

the psedophile register.
While concern over law and order is spread across all social groups, it is of above average importance to those aged over 55, those who are optimistic about the economy. and, rucially, among swing voters both those who have deserted the Tories since 1992 and new supporters of Labour. since then. The poll also registers a record level of concem over education, again felt strongly by swing voters and he middle classes. By contrast, unemployment, top of thelist of issues since June 1991, has fallen to third, cited by 37 per cent now, compared

with 40 per cent in January. Labour has so far made most of the running after a series of strong speeches on moral themes from Tony Blair, while the Tones have appeared confused. This is underined by the poll ques-tion of the proposals made by Mrs Lawrence on combat knives lessons on good citizenshps and raising the pub-lic standing of teachers and the police. Asked which party. if any would be most likely to put the ideas into practice, the public backs Labour by two to one over the Tories, 45 to 20 per cent. This is very similar to the current split on voting

intentions, except only just over a half of Tories back their own party and more Liberal Democrats think that Labour will deliver than their own party (by a 37 to 29 per cent margin). Labour egioys a big lead over the Tories among

The poll shows that the What it suggests rather is the public cares about moral is risks of mishandling the is-

anyeniment interference in private lives. There is a philosophical problem for the Tories about what the State should do the balance between authoritarianism and liberturianism.

In America, Republicans have objected to President summed up in the title of his wife Hillary's recent book It Takes A. Village — because it extends government's role in people's lives. The president has, for example, brought forward proposals for tele-visions to have a V chip allowing parents to block programmes, on school uniforms, teenage curiews flust ruled as unconstitutional in Washington DC itselft, and on banning tobacco advertising aimed at children.

he Democrat view is that such specific, and relatively cheap, actions respond to parents' real worries. They are closely paralleled by Mr Blair's recent suggestions and Jack Straw's proposals to deal with disruptive teenages and noisy neighbours. Many Tories believe that this territory is naturally theirs, but they have so far not struck the right balance between vague aspiration and concrete proposals. But then it is always easier to launch a moral crusade in opposition than in government.

PETER RIDDELL

Dixons chief attacks Prescott in bias row A COMPANY chairman ac- ic performance and halled the

seeking to infringe his free tor. But John Prescott, the dom of speech by complaining about a television interview in him of being a Tory placeman which he praised the Government (Alice Thomson writes).

On the BBC's Six O'clock News Sir Stanley Kalms, chairman of Dixons, applauded the Government's econom-

cused Labour yesterday of return of the "feel-good" facdeputy Labour leader, accused and complained to the BBC. In a letter to The Times

today Sir Stanley says that in

the interview, given on Wednesday, he made an independent assessment of the economy. "This is the first time Labour has gagged a private citizen. It's outrageous and very heavy-handed. Mr Prescott must not be allowed to muzzle the whole country." Mr Prescott told the BBC that, the interview was a "disgrace". He said that Sir Stanley had been knighted by Major was a party fundraiser and had helped to create Tory propaganda.

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Zaire close to anarchy as Tutsis capture key town

FROM SAM KILEY IN CYANGUGU

EASTERN Zaire was plunged into deeper chaos yesterday amid fears that there could soon be uprisings throughout the country. Tutsi rebels and Rwandan troops yesterday captured one of Zaire's provincial capitals and were close to overwhelming a second.

According to United Na-tions officials in Geneva quoting unconfirmed reports. local staff of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees were ambushed in Bukavu. There were an unknown number of casualties, the officials said.

Early in the day, Bukavu, the capital of South Kivu province, fell to Zaire's Tutsis, supported by the Rwandan commandos who in a week of fighting have removed a vast nart of Zaire from the control of the central Government.

Later the rebels closed in on Goma, capital of North Kivu, capturing the airport and driving hundreds of thousands of Hutu refugees into Mugunga, now crammed with an estimated 500,000 people. Across the Ruzizi River from Bukavu, Belgian diplomats were trying to negotiate the evacuation of the rebels. Some reports said that the river was filled with dozens of bloated corpses.

One of the UN diplomats said the Banyamulenge (Zaire's Tutsis) were in control of most of Bukavu and "just mopping up pockets of resistance. They appear to be BURUNDI

heading west [to Mugunga]", adding: "We have no way of

helping them because we can-

In Cyangugu, separated from Bukavu by 20 yards of the Ruzizi River, it was not

clear what the aims of the

Tutsi rebels are. Their leader-

ship is largely unknown, but

has said that it will take

Bukavu "before negotiating".

game of Rwanda hinted this

week that they might secede

from the rest of Zaire. Seces-

sionist movements are tradi-

tionally condemned by Afri-

can leaders, who fear tribal

uprisings in their own territory, but Mr Kagame signalled his tacit approval when he

said that such a decision

would be "entirely their own".

But the rebels have said that,

among their demands, is the resignation of Zaire's Presi-

Vice-President Paul Ka-

not get out of our houses."

behaving well and have given assurances of safety to other Zaireans and the foreigners."

This was in marked contrast the situation in Goma. which echoed to mortar explosions and heavy machinegun fire as terrified Hutu refugees and locals fled the rebel advance. Aid workers were confined to their homes because of the chaos and the threat of

looting.
The UN was trying to arrange the evacuation of about 100 relief workers trapped in the town. But Zaire, which says it is in a state of war with Rwanda, insisted that the border was closed to all traffic.

Michelle Quintaglie. spokeswoman for the UN World Food Programme, said from Goma yesterday that "thousands of refugees are streaming into the city and

dent Mobutu. Zaire's Tutsis are now expected to push on north from Bukavu around Lake Kivu's western shore, to link with rebels fighting in Goma. If little is known about the aims of the Tutsis, still less is known about who is fighting Zaire's army and Hutus in Goma. Many may be ethnic Tutsis from the area, but indications are that they have been joined by several other rebel groups.

If the two rebel armies are

able to join and take Goma, they are likely to be joined by opposition groups throughout Zaire, who have campaigned peacefully against President Mobutu for the past four years, not daring to take up arms against his rule until he was struck down by prostrate cancer earlier this year. Widespread chaos has been predict-ed if he dies, but it is now obvious that his Government is already unable to hold the

country together.

Talks plan: According to information received by the Foreign Office in London. leaders of Rwanda and Zaire may meet in Arusha, Tanzania, or Kampala, the Ugandan capital, within the next few days (Michael Binyon writes). The meeting would also include the leaders of Kenya. Ethiopia and possibly Tanzania and Uganda. But Kengo wa Dondo, Zaire's Prime Minister, rejected calls for urgent talks and a regional conference, and accused Uganda of involvement in the conflict.



Charles Taylor, Liberia's top warlord, who has said he will be running for the presidency in the country's elections, scheduled to take place in May

Liberian warlord survives death plot

LIBERIA'S chief warlord yesterday said he survived an essassination attempt when gunmen ambushed him inside Monrovia's presidential

Charles Taylor's senior aide was killed in the commando-style attack yesterday by gunmen who forced their way in using Jeeps. Radio reports said ten people were

Panic gripped the capital, still recovering from devas-tating ethnic warfare in April and May. African peacekeepers trying to end nearly seven years of civil war moved in quickly, deploying tanks across the commercial

district. Mr Taylor, who started Liberia's civil war in 1989 but is now a member of the interim ruling council, said: "As I entered the sixth floor I came under a hall of fire in which my senior aide-decamp, Jackson Manley, and my Ecomog |militaryi aidede-camp and several of my enior staff were wounded.

He did not say who was behind the attack. Last April his forces spearheaded attempts to arrest Roosevelt. Johnson, an ethnic Krahn warlord, sparking all-out warfare that derailed a regional accord to end the

ENEWS IN BRIEFE

Kurds die in Turkish onslaught

Diyarbakir: Turkish troops killed 25 Kurdish rebels in the southeast yesterday, as authorities increased security measures around the country to prevent further suicide attacks. One Turkish soldier was reported killed. Two women suicide bombers have

killed 10 people this week. Feuding Iraqi Kurdish factions have agreed to extend a US-brokered ceasefire that ended two months of clashes in northern traq last week. (AP/Reuter)

Tamils killed

Colombo: Five suspected Tamil guerrillas and a soldier guarding them were killed during a breakout from a maximum security prison in northeastern Sri Lanka, military officials said. (AP)

Ferry tragedy

Delhi: At least 95 people were feared dead in northeast India after an overcrowded ferry carrying 135 passengers and rice and lentils sank in the Brahmaputra River. Forty people swam to safety. (AP)

The word's out

Madrid: Julio Ariza, a rightwing politician, accidentally made history in Barcelona by becoming the first in more than ten years to speak Spanish in the Catalan parliament, Nationalists walked out.

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THE director of one of Russia's two leading nuclear research centres was probably driven to suicide by financial worries, it was reported yes-terday, in a case highlighting the desperate state of Russian

Vladimir Nechai was director of the nuclear centre in the closed city of Snezhinsk, for-merly called Chelyabinsk-70. in the Urals. A city of 46,000 people, it is home to an important nuclear scientific establishment.

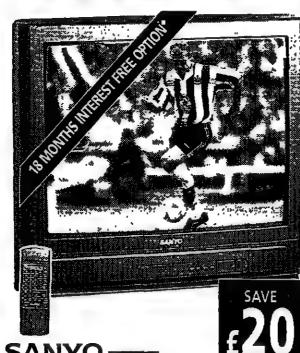
Mr Nechai, who was an academician, was in charge of designing nuclear weapons. He shot himself in his study

on Wednesday, police reported, and left a note saying he was under permanent stress because of financial problems. Workers in Snezhinsk have not been paid since June. Scientists in the city issued a statement on Mr Nechal's death calling on President Yeltsin to finance research centres because they are "on the verge of ruin".

Scientists in Russia's centrally funded nuclear cities, which were not located on any map, used to be called the "chocolate eaters" because of their privileged status. Now many are reduced to digging their potato patches after work to feed themselves and their

families. The crisis cuts across all branches of science, where the average salary of academicians is £200 a year.

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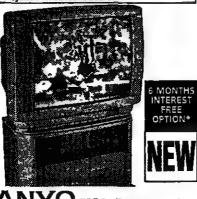
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French given Euro th plot 'go-ahead for ploy on single currency

From Leyla Linton in brussels

AN ACCOUNTING ploy by France to ensure that it meets the Maastricht criteria for a single currency is acceptable, the European Commission decided yesterday. The rolling comes after three

days of speculation which have shaken the foreign exchange markets and embarrassed the Commission. Controversy flared when officials from Britain, Germany and The Netherlands, sitting on a European statis-tics advisory committee, argued against allowing the French accounting move, saying that it contravened European accounting standards.

The French Government's proposal to use a one-off. payment from France Telecom of Fr37 billion (£4.6 billion) to cut its budget deficit by 0.5 per cent of gross domestic product to the 3 per cent limit set in the Maastricht treaty has been widely seen by financial experts as a "fudge". Under French plans, France Telecom, which is soon to be partially privatised, will pay the money into the State's coffers, which in return must

pension liabilities. Yves Franchet, Director-General of Eurostat, the Commission's statistical service,

assume the company's future

which reports to Yves-Thibault de Silguy, the Economic and Monetary Affairs Commissioner, agreed yesterday that the switch could be classified as a capital transfer and not a financial transaction and was therefore acceptable.

Critics have said the one-off transfer smacks of creative accounting and runs counter to guidelines in the Maastricht treaty for countries to take sustainable economic measures to qualify for the planned start of the single currency in 1999. Germany, especially, has spoken out

Jobless toll at record 3.1m

Paris: French economic confidence suffered a fresh blow yesterday with the release of figures showing the number of unemployed at a record high (Ben Macintyre writes). A fur-ther 27,000 people joined the jobless rolls in September, bringing the total of people without work to 3.1 million, 12.6 per cent of the population, At least 170,000 eople have lost their jobs

against creative accounting measures. Economists have argued that the transfer of cash in return for future pension payments is not a real reduction in the budget deficit.

Commission approval for the French manoeuvre had been expected. It is a politically sensitive issue as, without France, the chances of the monetary union starting on schedule could have been thrown into question.

Asked whether the decision would nave the way for other member states to take a similar approach, a spokesman for M de Silguy said: "All cases are considered on their merits. There is no discrimination between the states." He emphasised the decision was a technical, not a political, one.

The Commission's decision could be seen as an indication that more creative accountancy could be allowed so that countries heavily in debt, such as Spain and Italy, can meet the Maastricht criteria.

Privatisation payments are not usually allowed to reduce budget deficits. The Commission recently ruled that Belgium could not put BF20 billion (£400 million)) from the sale of Belgacom, the state telecommunications group, towards reducing its deficit.



Cognac vineyards fight lethal fungus

FROM BEN MACINTYIUS IN COGNAC

A LETHAL fungus with no known cure is spreading through the vineyards of Cognac, carving a trail of destruc-tion that has left makers of the famous hrandy staring glumly into their glasses.

The fungus, Eutypa armen-iacea, was identified in 1977 but has since spread rapidly to some of France's greatest vineyards and more recently to the wine-growing regions

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of California. Such famous grapes as Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Gamay, Chenin and Cinsault have all been affected, but it is the Ugni Blanc vine, which provides more than 90 per cent of the Cognac harvest in the Charente region, north of Bordeaux, that has been most

seriously affected. The latest survey, completed in 1992, showed that 40 per cent of all vines in Cognac had symptoms of eutypiosis and more than half are now

least 10 per cent of the vines have withered and died from the disease.

"If you fly over the vineyards in the spring, when the young leaves are growing, the effect is really dramatic with whole areas of vines black-ened and sick," said Patrick Raguenaud, the maitre de chais (cellar master) for Martell, the oldest of the main Cognae producers, as he strolled through the compa-

believed to be infected. At France's wine industry has survived pestilence before, most notably the dreaded Phylloxera louse that wiped out most of Europe's vineyards at the end of the last century, yet eutypiosis has proved a particularly hardy and fickle foe, able to survive

> But after six years of research, genetic engineers in southern France may be close to creating a breed of the vine capable of resisting the condition.

every fungicide.

The disease takes hold when airborne fungal spores enter the vine through wounds left by pruning. This develops into a canker, shrivelling the leaves and flowers, reducing grape yield and

eventually poisoning the plant with the toxin, known as

eutypine.
"It takes out section after section of the inside of the trunk, like slices out of a camembert," explained M Raguenaud, breaking apart a crumbling limb to display the

effects of the fungus. But eutypiosis is also un-predictable. Sometimes a plant will show symptoms one year and not the next; sometimes one limb will get it but not another. It can disappear completely for several years before coming back," he

In an effort to hait the steady march of the disease, authorities in the Charente ordering vine-growers to burn all uprooted plants with symptoms of eutypiosis or

face swingeing fines. Martell founded by the English wine-merchant John Martell in 1715, has taken the lead in financing urgent research into the pathology of the disease. In 1990, M Raguenaud linked up with the French National School of Agronomy in Toulouse to world's first

eutypiosis investigation unit. Three scientists have been working full-time on the project since, using the latest genetic engineering techniques in an attempt to clone a strain of Ugni Blanc capable of resisting the fungus. A breakthrough may be only months away. M Raguenaud

Ugni Blanc was originally imported from Italy and in the soil and climate of west central France its grapes pro-



Raguenaud: confident

but which, when distilled and aged in oak barrels, became the world's most celebrated brandy.

For M Raguenaud, a master taster descended from generations of Cognac makers who also farms his own vineyard of Ugni Blanc, the nothing less than a threat to a way of life that is close to a

religion. Back at Martell's elegant château headquarters, M Raguenaud insists that modern science will find a way to thwart "this horrible mushroom". As he sips an amber Cognac made from grapes picked in 1848 and bottled on the eve of the First World War, M Raguenaud is confident that time is on his side.

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Republican opponent accused by liberal Democrat of racial bias and tax dodging

Vietnam veteran fights mudslinger in Atlanta battle

FROM IAN BRODIE IN ATLANTA

MAX CLELAND, who lost both legs and his right arm in Vietnam, once appealed for voters' support with the selfmocking slogan that he could only put one hand in the till. Now, as he tries to become a US senator from Georgia, he is complaining bitterly about character assassination.

..... A Democrat, Mr Cleiand is locked in a neck-and-neck contest with Guy Millner, a multimillionaire Republican businessman. Their race has clogged the air waves with negative advertising.
It has drawn national atten-

tion for the sums that each candidate is spending to trash the other. Political mudslingng has become Atlanta's post-Olympic sport.

This week Mr Millner was forced to withdraw a cynical attempt to undercut Mr Cleland's solid support among blacks. He cancelled radio commercials falsely accusing Mr Cleland of having voted against creating a holiday on Martin Luther King's birth-day. The Atlanta Constitution accused Mr Millner of "arrogant disregard for truth".

The Senate seat was held by Sam Numn, a conservative Democrat who is retiring. Republicans regard its capture next Tuesday as pivotal to their hopes of retaining a slim majority and their consolidating earlier successes in the

Mr Cleland volunteered for Vietnam against the advice of family and friends. An army captain, he was crouched under the blades of an assault helicopter when he spotted a grenade on the ground.

Thinking it had fallen from



reached out to retrieve it. A few inches from his hand it exploded. His terrible injuries and painful recovery gave him a determined new meaning to life. After a stint in local politics, he was President Carter's inspired choice to run the Veterans Administration. From his wheelchair, Mr Cleland fought to improve government care for those left

him anguish.

wrongful dismissal.

taxes and belonged to a coun-

try club that excluded Jews

Mr Cleland is a self-depre-

cating and moving speaker.

He erred by not agreeing to

hold more debates with Mr

Millner, who is far less effect-

ive. In the final scramble for

votes. Mr Cleland is trying to

shake off a liberal label by

laying claim to the "sensible

He could still win, but much

depends on turnout. There

were glimmers yesterday that

Mr Millner may have peaked

too soon and that voters, who

are sick of negative advertis-

ing, were turning against him.

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and blacks.

physically and mentally scarred by Vietnam. After his time in Washington, he returned to Georgia and was elected Secretary of State, a powerful administra-

Mr Cleland has been in public life so long that Geor-gians look past his handicap. They no longer dwell on his daily struggles to shave, put on a tie and get in a car. "He's worn out the sympathy vote," said a redneck Miliner supporter in a rural restaurant. That makes it easier for Mr

Cleland's judgment as a public servant to be questioned by Mr Millner, a self-made "Christian businessman" who paid for his education by selling pots and pans door-todoor and who founded a temping agency that now has revenue close to a billion dollars.

A blistering Miliner com-



Max Cleland, disabled in Vietnam, whose judgment as a public servant in Georgia is questioned by his opponent, a self-made "Christian businessman"

Voters back the vague tendency

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

AS BILL CLINTON coasts towards re-election on Tuesday, a curious anomaly is emerging: US voters have a clearer idea of what Bob Dole would have done in his first term than of what the incumbent will do in his second.

For the first time in his career, Mr Clinton, barred by law from seeking a third term. will be able to govern without consulting polisters or fear of personal electoral consequences. He will finally be free to be himself, but even after four years in the White House nobody is quite certain who that is, and he has offered little enlightenment.

Republicans claim this most protean of Presidents will veer back towards the big-government liberalism that characterised his first two years in office. Clinton aides insist he will remain the centrist New Democrat who boldly declared, after his party's rout in the 1994 congressional elections, that "the era of big government is over".

The nature of a second Clinton term will to an extent be determined by who controls Congress, but less so than commonly imagined. While Mr Clinton would obviously prefer to have Democrats in charge, the Republicans have been chastened by the collapse of their "revolu-

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tainly lack the majorities required to impose their agenda on the President. Another determining factor will be whether any of the scandals that dogged Mr Clinton's first four years finally trip him up. In stark contrast to 1992,

when he stormed the country promising radical change, Mr Clinton has offered only a minimalist programme for his second term. His grand talk of "building a bridge to the 21st century" boils down to a greater emphasis on educa-tion and training, improved welfare reform, and balancing the budget by 2002.

There are good reasons for this very basic approach. Voters are reasonably content with the status quo, he does not want to give Mr Dole targets, and fiscal constraints as well as the political climate rule out big new government initiatives. But the danger is that Mr Clinton will have no mandate to tackle the press-ing issues he has skirted, most notably the looming collapse of the Medicare health insurance programme for the elderly as the population ages. International affairs have barely figured in this election, but the President fancies himself as a peacemaker and Northern Ireland, the Middle East and Bosnia are all crying out for his hitherto spasmodic

Dole targets 15 states in whirlwind final stretch

he said.

By MARTIN FLETCHER

STARTING today, Bob Dole will campaign around-the-clock for the last four days of the American presidential election in a desperate bid to save a seemingly hopeless race.

The last time I fought round the clock for my country was in 1945 in Italy. Beginning at noon tomorrow, I will once again fight around the clock for America's future," the 73-year-old

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Republican announced at a rally in Miami. "I am determined to make every hour of this decisive election count. The stakes are that high."

His marathon journey will take him to 15 states in 96 hours and eclipse even the 30-hour, ten-city trip with which Mr Clinton completed his 1992 campaign. "From the factories of Michigan through the bluegrass of Kentucky, in the towns and neighbourhoods of the Midwest, across the Rocky Mountains, through the cities and streets of California, I will give it all I've got,"

Mr Clinton has also embarked on a sprint to the finish line that will take him three times across America before he reaches Little Rock at dawn on Tuesday. His campaign is now spending up to £950,000 a day on television

mmercials in key states Despite Mr Dole's dramatic announcement, the only conceivable

threat to Mr Clinton's re-election was a burgeoning scandal over huge, probably illegal, foreign campaign contributions.

Yesterday, in the latest of almost daily revelations, it was disclosed that John Huang, the Democratic fundraiser who solicited nearly \$5 million from Asian businessmen and officials, had visited the White House at least 65 times in the first nine months of this

Stallone optimistic

Stallone's baby has hole in heart

Miami Beach: Sylvester Stallone's two month-old baby was born with a hole in her heart and may need surgery, but the actor is optimistic that the daughter of his fiancée, Jennifer

Flavin, will be all right. Sophia Rose was born in a Miami hospital on August 27 with the defect, Paul Block, Stallone's publicist, said. (AP)

Call to legalise pot turns electors on

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

CALIFORNIAN radicals have suite discential even campaigned for the legalisation of marijiana ever since the heyday of the hippy movement. They may now be near a

breaktimough.

A Dian to legatise medicinal margitana si riding high in the polls six days before being voted on despite opposition from former Presidents.

Ford, Caster and Bush and both White House candidates.

Three new polls show the grassroots imitative, drafted chiefly for Aids and cancer sufferers who say the drug eases pain and enhances their appetite, has the backing of roughly 57 per cent of voters. A simple majority is needed for it to become law.

Proposition 215 was launched by a San Fransisco activist, Denis Peron, whose lover died of Aids six years ago and who says three harrowing days spent retrieving bodies in Vietnam turned him into a

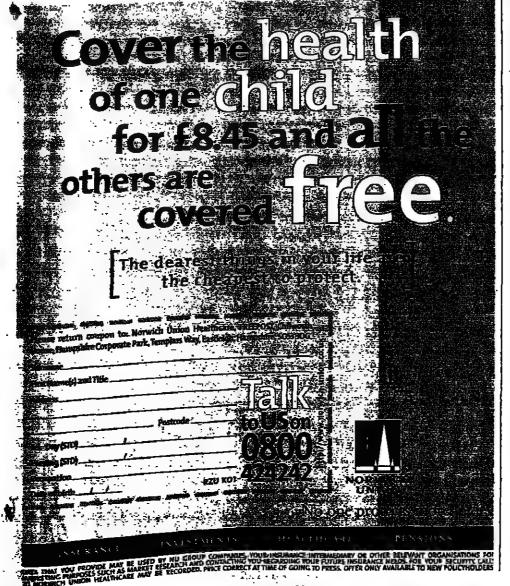
"pothead". Mr Peron was arrested earlier this month after narcotics agents armed machineguns found of marijuana and \$60,000 (£38,000) in cash at a 'Cannabis Buyers' Club" he ran with the tacit approval of

San Francisco police. The raid was lampooned by Gary Trudeau, the Doonesbury cartoonist, as a political stunt by California's Attorney General, Dan Lungren. Mr Lungren responded by calling unsuccesfully on the hundreds of newspapers that carry the cartoon to drop it.

Proposition 215 is backed by an informal coalition of doctors, including a Harvard psychiatrist who has called marijuana a "wonder drug". The Proposition 215 carn-

paign has launched a final TV advertising blitz featuring a 67-year-old nurse describing how marijuanar helped her husband who was dving from cancer.





Hardline settlers plan takeover of Palestinian homes

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

MILITANT Jewish settlers in Hebron yesterday announced plans to take over and occupy more than 20 additional houses in the Arab-populated central market area as soon as an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank city is agreed. The plans of the 450 Jews

who already live among 120,000 hostile Palestinians in three enclaves in the city centre were revealed to Israel radio by Noam Arnon, their spokesman. Palestinians pre-dicted that the planned protest would immediately lead to violent clashes between the settlers and Palestinian civilians and the 400 uniformed PLO policemen due to take control in the 85 per cent of the city scheduled to be taken over by the Palestinians.

Mr Arnon, who is also one of the leaders of the newly formed and heavily armed settlers' militia, said that Jewish residents had already been found who were prepared to take over the buildings "within hours of receiving instructions to do so". The new threat, which observers fear might provoke Arab-Israeli violence that could spread to the rest of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, was described as illegal by the Israeli Government and disowned by the central

most of the Jewish settlers. There was panic in Hebron shortly before noon yesterday when Israeli Army radio in-

Yesha Council, representing

Bodyguards face execution

Gaza City: A military tribunal has sentenced three Palestinian bodyguards to death by firing squad for the murder of a driving instructor. They will be executed on Tuesday unless

correctly reported that gunfire had been heard close to the Tomb of the Patriarchs, scene of the 1994 massacre of Palestinian worshippers. Israeli forces were rushed to protect Mustafa Natche, the Palestinian Mayor, who was sur-rounded by settlers shouting threats. He was escorted to safety by the police, who were abused by the settlers for protecting a man they described as a murderer and accused of inciting attacks

against them. The confrontation was the latest in a week that has seen daily incidents between Jews and Arabs, with frustration on the Palestinian side increased by the failure of the Americansponsored peace talks to agree on a date for the delayed troop withdrawal. The talks are supposed to resume over the weekend, but Dennis Ross, the chief US envoy, has said he will not return to the region until after the US presidential



A helicopter flies over the burning area of São Paulo where an airliner crashed after taking off for Rio de Janeiro

Toll rises after jet crashes in São Paulo

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN SÃO PAULO

BRAZILIAN airline crashed into a residential neighbourhood in São Paulo shortly after take-off yesterday, engulfing apartments, homes and cars in a river of fire from burning fael.

All 95 people aboard were reported to have been killed. Three other hodies were pulled from the rubble, and the death toll was expected to rise. One resident of the middle-class area said he saw a river of fuel on fire flowing down the street". Dozens of bodies covered

with black plastic lay by the roadside as firemen sprayed water on smoking rubble. Pieces of the twin-engined Fokker 100 jet, which had been on a domestic flight to Rio de Janeiro, were strewn about and cars were on fire. Police and firelighters used plywood planks as hift stretchers to carry bodies to black mortuary lorries which similed to and from the area as smoke continued to pour into the

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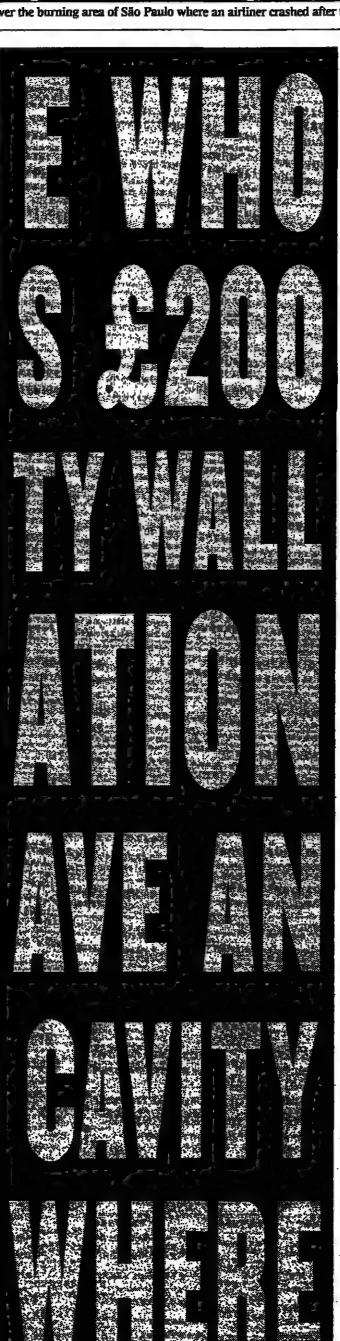
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Strategic gain for Europe as Sahara gas starts to flow

AN ambitious transcontinental gas pipeline, which will eventually connect much of West Europe to the rich gas deposits of the eastern Sahara. will become commercially operational today when the taps are turned on at Hassi R'Mel,

Algeria, one of the world's largest gasfields.

The Euro-Maghreb pipeline, which has so far cost \$3.5 billion (£2.2 billion), is designed to surrolly to the billion. signed to supply up to 10 per cent of Europe's gas require-ments by 2000. The pipeline, at present nearly 1,500 kilometres (937 miles) long. runs overland through Morocco to the port of Tangier, where there is a compression plant designed to ensure a safe

underwater flow. From Tangier, the Algerian gas will flow through pipes laid on the seabed of the Strait of Gibraltar to a deposit in Cordoba, southern Spain, and then to Portugal, at present the only EU country not consuming natural gas. An extension linking Portugal to the French town of Perpignan, running overland through northern Spain, is expected to be completed by 2000. When finished, the pipeline will be more than 2,500 kilometres long, and will feed gas to Germany and The

Netherlands as well.

The first phase of the pipe-line, completed in only two years, has been built by the Spanish company Gas Natural Enagas, the Algerian state-owned oil and gas company Sonatrach, and the Moroccan Government. The project re-ceived a hefty \$1 billion grant from the EU, as well as preferential credit worth \$200 million from the European

The strategic importance of

the pipeline is considerable. With an intial annual capacity

investment Bank,

of 8,000 million cubic metres of gas, suppplies are projected to rise to 20,000 million cubic metres per annum by 2000. Europe imports 40 per cent of the natural gas it consumes, figure which will double over the next 20 years, and much of that comes from the unstable states of the former

Soviet Union.
The Euro-Maghreb pipeline, therefore, offers a muchneeded alternative source of supply, given that a fifth of all energy consumed in the EU is derived from natural gas.

The risks to supply stemming from the civil war in Algeria, a conflict that shows no sign of ending, are believed to be offset by the attractive price of the Algerian gas, substantially cheaper than gas piped to West Europe from the Urals. The EU's strategists also

believe that a steady flow of profit from the pipeline unight act as a stabilising influence on cash-strapped Algeria, as well as integrating that country into the European economy to a greater degree, ☐ Paris: Algerian security

forces killed 16 Muslim fundamentalist guerrillas in separate operations in Algiers this week, Algerian newspapers said yesterday. Six rebels were killed on

Monday night near Bab Ezzouar university campus in eastern. Algiers. El Watan newspaper said. Security forces shot dead ten armed militants in other sectors of the Algerian capital, said the

Liberté daily.

More than 50,000 people have died in Algeria's violence since early 1992 (Reinter)



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Taleban battles for

lost ground along eight-mile front

FROM MICHAEL DYNES IN HUSSEINEKOT

HEAVY fighting erupted across an eight-mile front north of Kabul early yesterday as forces loyal to the former Afghan Government beat back a Taleban dawn offen-

sive aimed at recapturing ground lost this week.

General Ahmed Shah

Masood, the ousted Defence Minister, ordered a massive retaliation along the two roads into Kabul after learning of Taleban raids into government-held areas. War planes belonging to General Abdul Rashid Dostum, the northern warlord, pounded Taleban artillery and tank positions along the New Road up to the strategic Dehsabz's Pass.

The air bombardment was backed up by General Dostum's tanks on the New Road, and General Masood's rocket launchers and artillery, firing to the north-east and northwest on to the city's two key

approaches.

Zemah, in a valley between two mountain ranges on the mountain ranges of the m

New Road, was bombed into mind wailed fortress. A nearby oblivion. Even through milinest of rocket launchers fired
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was obscured by the scale of "as radio operators screamed the hombardment and huge obscenities at the distant clouds of smoke and cordite. Taleban militiamen. clouds of smoke and cordite.

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Wild-eyed, sweating and high on hashish, they were jubilant at having taken out three Taleban tanks. A few Dostum's jets roared above, adding to the cacophany.
Local commanders claimed
General Dostum's forces had danced, holding high cap-tured cannon and light advanced to within reach of the Dehsabes Pass. From machineguns. During the where we stood it was clear. these claims were not empty boasts rockets rained down on Talehan positions from General Masood's front along the Old Road, sending countnerve-racking half-hour walk to' the front line through decimated vineyards, Taleban fighters continued to harass the advance of General Maless streaks of white smoke sood's forces from Husseini over the heads of villagers

As dusk fell, the men bedded down after preparing for the Taleban counter-offensive



Dr Abdullah Karimi weeps beside his son Asaad, seven, killed in a bomb attack

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Children die as random bombs fall on Kabul

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN KABUL

THE Karimi family were having bread and tea for breakfast at 6am yesterday. Fifty minutes later two were dead, two were seriously injured, and a stunned boy of nine was left tearlessly wondering what had happened to

A plane dropped a bomb into the yard of their house in a residential area of Kabul. It is ten miles from the civilianmilitary airport and 20 miles from yesterday's intense fight-

ing north of the city.

The plane probably belonged to the forces of General The al Abdul Rashid Dostum. The northern Uzbek warlord is increasingly involved in the fight to wrest control of Kabui from the Taleban Islamic militia that seized power five weeks ago. Four bombs were dropped by two planes: one shattered the Karimi family; another hit a house a few hundred yards away, killing a boy of ten: a third exploded harmlessly in open ground several miles away; and the fourth did not go off. Dr Abdullah Karimi is a

respected figure in the Naw Abad Dhad Kapk district. He was recovering yesterday Jamhuriat government hospital, where he normally works. Before Kabul University closed recently - most of the teachers were women, now banned from working outside the home - he was a lecturer in the faculty of medicine. His daughter Manila, 16,

and son Asaad, seven, were killed. Abuid, 12, is also in Jamhuriat hospital. Their mother and brother, Zabi. nine, survived. He sat alone on rubble yesterday, watching 30 men returning from burying his siblings and the third victim. Abdul Matain. in open ground. Nobody spoke to him, and he said nothing.

The two bombing runs made Taleban artillery and anti-aircraft gunners nervous throughout the day. They filled the city repeatedly with the sounds of gunfire, spread-ing tension. United Nations officials estimate 500 people a day are leaving Kabul, and

Mafia gunmen kidnap Venice Deputy Mayor

going to market.

FROM RICHARD OWEN

THE Mayor of Venice, Massimo Cacciari, yesterday vowed to step up the fight against organised crime in the area after his deputy. Giantianco Bettin, was kidnapped by Mafia gangsters. Signor Bettin was held for several hours and subjected to a mock "execution" by masked gummen because of his highprofile role in trying to root out drug dealers.

drug dealers.
Signor Cacciari, and the Patriarch of Venice. Cardinal Marco Ce, yesterday ted a mass protest in the suburb of Marghera against drugs, crime and prostitution after the kidnapping. This is the other face of Venice, said La Renubblica. This is not the Repubblica. This is not the Venice the tourists sec. This is



Cacciari: crackdown

The kidnappers warned both Signor Bettin and Signor Cacciari to mind their own business" and stop trying to "clean up" Venice by cracking down on organised crime. Police yesterday detained

Crescenzo Napolitano, an al-

Hashimoto is forced into shaky coalition

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

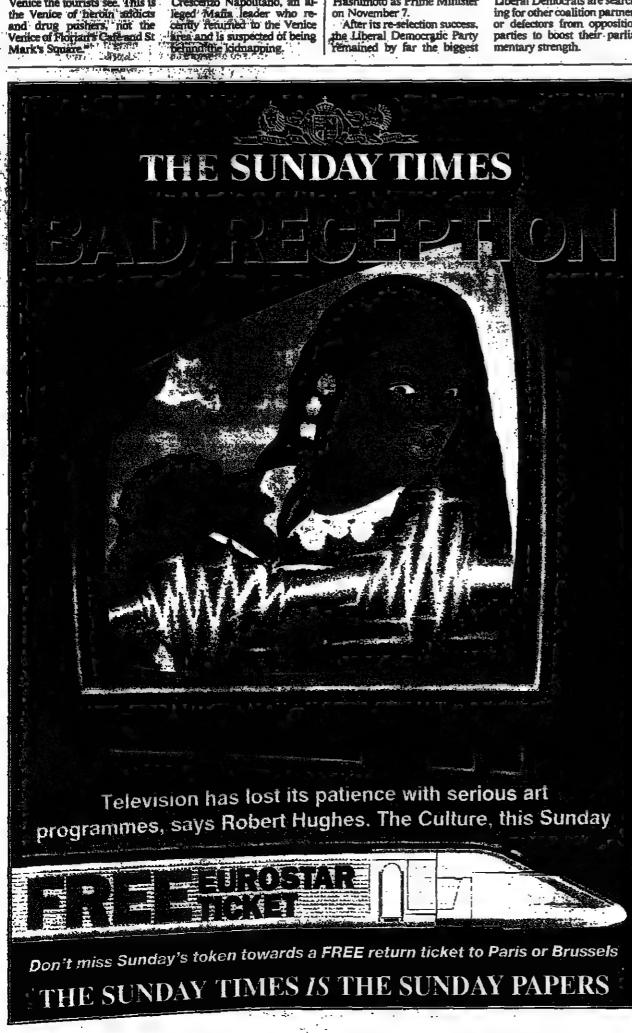
JAPAN'S Liberal Democrats led by Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Prime Minister, will have to form a new Government next week without their present coalition partners, the Social Democratic Party, and the Sakigake Party which yesterday pledged to co-operate only on specific policies.

Under a new agreement, the three parties will work together to promote legislation of mutual concern, such as pruning Japan's bloated bureaucracy, reducing the powers of the Finance Ministry and introducing an insurance system for the elderly. But the two minor parties have said they will not participate in the Cabinet expected to be formed after the re-election of Mr Hashimoto as Prime Minister on November 7.

After its re-selection success,

party, but fell tantalisingly short of a simple majority in the lower house. Though anxious to have the continued support of the Social Democrats to help him to govern. Mr Hashimoto could not agree to several of their tougher demands. As a condition of remaining in the alliance, the Social Democrats sought a ban on corporate political donation, reduction and eventual withdrawal of American Marines from Okinawa and a cut in the defence budget.

Political analysts said the new arrangement is a shaky basis on which to build the second Hashimoto Government and likely to lead to instability and imperma-nence. Aware of the risk, the Liberal Democrats are searching for other coalition partners or defectors from opposition parties to boost their parlia-





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Why robbing toffs isn't much fun any more

Giles Coren looks at the reasons why the upper classes are so much better at seeing off burglars

onversation over-heard in Kensington: What ho, old bean. Burgled again last night, don't y'know. Chained me to the bally piano. Got him a couple of fair cracks with me shooting stick, though, what?" Conversation overheard in some area of the capital where burglars might be expected to live, without being geographi-cally specific and offending the people of Catford: "Cor blimey, Stone the crows, guy. Done over this posh geezer the other day. Didn't 'arf put up a fight. Fair copped me on me nut with a wossname. Not really worth the effort, these

toffs, narmean? This may sound stylised and exaggerated, but it is, in fact, entirely verisimilitudinous. While retro-fever continues to lord it in the fashion world, in the crime pages of the national press we are returning to a world where doughty blue-blood stoicism stands firm in the face of physical adversity. We seem to be back in an age where the Marquess of Anglesey might once again take a shot to the knee, as he did at Waterloo, and respond by saying to the Duke of Wellington: "By God, sir. I have lost my leg." Expecting from the Duke no more than his distracted: "By God. sir. I

The 76-year-old Earl of Dudley appeared in public after a knife-point ordeal last week chortling in pukka fash-ion and making light of the trauma: "I thought at first it was the police ... but then



When one finds some intruder in one's damned drawing-room one either wants to jolly well give them what for, or let them get on with it

policemen." They probably had stripy T-shirts and bags marked swag.

His wife displayed similar sang-froid. "I kept thinking it would make a funny moment in a situation comedy. They didn't ask me to 'freeze' or say 'hands up', but I put them up anyway.

How we middle-class johnnies envy them. I would have

been crying and howling and Lord Kennet surprised a burglar in her Bayswater home last June, as he attempted to giving them my parents' address where they would find much better stuff, and having make off with a laptop computer. The surprises were just to undergo post-traumatic stress counselling after develeginning. "It was extraordinary," she oping all sorts of addictions

admits. "I was not in the least if only I could find the bit scared. I realised I could strength of character of, for have kicked him down the example, Lady Kennet. The 5ft stairs, but it could have broken his neck and I didn't think that 4in wife of the Labour peer

was quite necessary." And so the brave dowager, who had become a grandmother that very day, took a gentler course of action. But not much. "I kneed him in the groin, which upset him quite considerably. I have read that is the thing to do when attacked. He was definitely surprised."

Passers-by attempted to tackle the burglar, but, being only middle-class passers-by, they were unable to hold him. Here, perhaps, is a clue to why the upper classes

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are so doughty in the face of crime. Lady Kennet had read that a knee in him in the the groin was the thing. Quite. She is groin which of a class that has time to read. upset him. But then royal

nanny, Tiggy Legge-Bourke, is hardly reknowned for her bibliophilia. and yet she fam-

ously gave chase to a pair of frightful hairy muggers. Some have suggest-ed that the aristocratic fearlessness is down to a public school upbringing (in the men. at least). Years of flogging, fagging, bullying, physical and personal abuse can inure a man to hardship, and allow him to behave as honour dictates when unfettered by the frailties of the flesh.

"Bally rot," says a Tory peer who would not allow his name to be printed for fear of reprisal. "It is to do with being brought up, rightly or wrong-Eventually one comes to think of that superiority as tangible. and when one finds some intruder in one's damned

drawing-room one either wants to jolly well give them what for, like Lady Kennet, or to let them get on with it and not give them the satisfaction of causing one grief, they being, as it were, not fit to button one's cuff." So it is not because they are

inbred idiots who don't know any better? Or that they spend their weekends with drunken fools waving guns in their faces on grouse moors, so that the face-downs are nothing out of the ordinary?

When a man spends his life fall-ing off horses at pace, risking his neck in pursuit of enjoys a relationship with danger in which he is privileged to revel. Hence, perhaps,

the courage of Lady Stormont, wife of Viscount Stormont, heir to the 5th Earl of Mansfield and

Mansfield. She chased two balaclava-wearing men down a London street with a broom in 1991, after they kidnapped her husband and attempted to burgle her home. And this was no primitive gut reaction: "I was sleeping in when a man jumped on me," she said. "I opened my eyes and there were two men in my room. One was at the door and then came on the bed, too. That's how I knew something was wrong." You see, smart, too.

Could be genetic. Could be breeding. Could just be they are so rich they don't give a criminal fraternity is simple. It's just no fun robbing toffs.

Rome's legacy of law

HIDDEN EUROPE

IT IS often said that

Roman law is one of the pillars of European civi-lisation. And so it is. bond, that which binds". The same idea underlies that other keystone of Roman legality, the pactum or "contract". Once freely agreed by two parties, whether for commercial, matrimonial or political purposes, the conditions of the contract bind the parties to observe it. As the Romans knew, the rule of law ensures sound government. commercial confidence and an orderly society.

Yet the legal tradi-

tions of Rome were not bequeathed to modern Europe by any simple line of direct inheritance. Most of the empire's law codes fell into disuse with the disintegration of the empire, and had to be rediscovered in the Middle Ages.

What is more the revival of Roman tradiwith other non-Roman. and often contradictory, legal practices. Rome was only one of several sources of European jurisprudence. Customary law was equally important. In some countries, such as France, a balance was achieved between Roman and customary traditions. In England, exceptionally. the common law was to

EVEN so, the Roman distinction between the public and the private purposes of Europe's growing polities and the civil law in most European countries was to be based on codified principles in the Roman fashion (as opposed to the Anglo-American concept of legal precedenti.

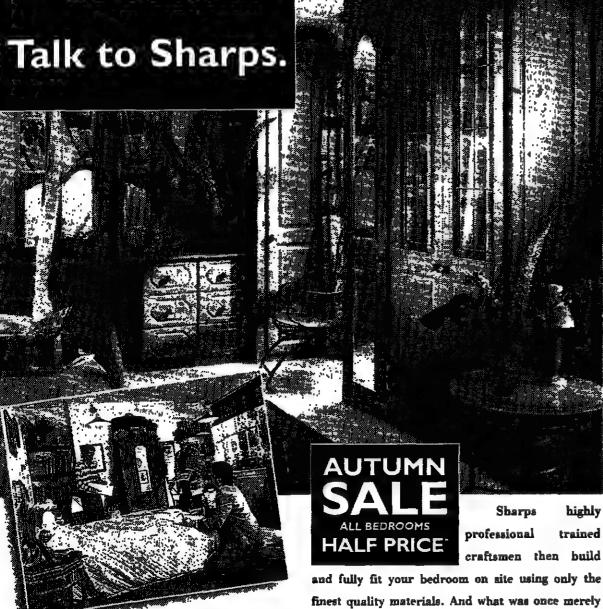
gain a virtual monopoly.

Whatever their connections, all educated European lawyers acknowledge their debt to Cicero and to Cicero's successors. It was Cicero who wrote: Salus populi suprema lex, "the safety of the people is the highest law. One could equally say that the rule of law provides the people with the highest degree of safety.

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Chris Woodhead gets irritated at being portrayed as a poodle of the Conservative Government. With three years to run on his contract he realises he could be removed by a future Labour administration but he would want to know why

'Literacy is everything'

ne disruptive ten-year-old closes As a disruptive pupil forces the closure of a school, and caning is back on the agenda, the Chief Inspector of Schools, Chris Woodhead, says an ordered start to school life makes all the difference down a school. Her Majesty's inspec-tors march into The Ridings

"catologues" (sic). The headmaster did not seem to think

this mattered. In those days, Woodhead was in the classroom himself, adhering to the prevailing orthodoxy of child-centred progressive teaching, but gradually realising that only a genius could deliver the same results as were possible under traditional methods.

amazingly relaxed for one in When he left the classroom He has just passed his 50th birthday, a milestone he spent and became an adviser, the trath dawned. "Children have rock-climbing on a Cornish cliff face called Suicide Wall. "I to be taught the conventions of language; how to punctuate and spell in order to use them had to be hauled up on to a for creative ends. To believe ledge by David Hopkins, Professor of Education at Notting-ham. I was sweating, terrified, ence without being taught in desperate straits, and so language is ludicrous. Teaching is a matter of learning: not relieved to get down. And there at the bottom was a facilitating the innate potential group of bloody seachers from

of the young innocent.

"All I can say in my own



defence," Woodhead says, "is that I have since done everything I can to ensure that children in the future are equipped with knowledge. But unfortunately you can't num round a system overnight. Last year he went back to open a new science block at his

old school Wallington Grammar in Surrey, now grant-maintained and preserving the 11-plus. Here Woodhead, only child of an accountant, went through a bad patch in ously said, should be sacked. "Our inspections make it perfectly plain that some teachers are more effective than others. We want to reward excellence, and weed out adolescence. He was caned twice once for being caught cheating in a Latin test; once for turning the French teacher's pictures to the wall. "No, it. didn't do me much harm, but it didn't do me much good either. Corporal punishment is a question for Mrs Shephard. A more terrifying ordeal was the Highland reels the boys were made to dance. "My dancing report said 'Un-

see things going believably deplorable. badly wrong in He rescued himself in the fifth form, fed tip with teachties. Children were expected to ers' negative prognoses about his O levels. I buckled down and scraped all of them, even "discover" reading by a kind of osmosis: spelling tests were frowned upon. Alarm bells rang for me in 1980 when I maths, grade six." He read English at Bristol followed by walked into our local primary a PGCE (postgraduate certifischool where a flashcard cate of education), taught Eng-"telivision" (sic) was taped on the wall, and the headmaster's lish, tutored PGCE at Oxford, then climbed the educational filing cabinet was labelled

administration ladder. His daughter (he is divorced) went to a comprehensive school and is about to start teaching in

Woodhead, an admirer of George Walden's and Melanie Phillips's excellent critiques of what has gone wrong in education, favours whole-class teaching, grouping by ability, and the belief that class size is less important than the quality of teaching.

One of Ofsted's reports on a teacher-training college found that "few students had more than a superficial understanding of how to teach reading" and that "so uncertain was their grasp of the basic structure of English" that they could not correct pupils'

ut Ofsted concentrates on primary head has a Jesuiti-cal belief in catching the infant mind. "If a child learns to read in primary school, whatever their home background, they are no longer disadvantaged If we don't get it right at Key Stage One, everything else is built on sand."

He does not believe that A evels in moral reasoning will make the slightest difference to life on an inner-city estate where children are running wild. "If there's any hope, it is by working on pre-school education, alongside health from birth through to five to stop the cycle of deprivation. and unravel the effects of

chaotic parenting.
"If they work in a disci-plined and orderly classroom, and are fired with enthusiasm for learning, it is unlikely that in secondary school they will seek a different identity in a deviant subculture. Stephen Tumim, when he was HM Chief Inspector of Prisons, pointed out how many inmates are illiterate. It's a commonsense platitude, but literacy is everything."

Ofsted's report on three inner-London boroughs was perhaps atypical, but they found 40 per cent of the children in Islington, Tower Hamlets and Southwark were going to secondary school with a reading age of eight or less. Woodhead refuses to make

allowances for the intake of a school. "I don't accept that a school in a deprived community must have poor results. I can show you inner city schools where every child is Bangladeshi and arrives without a word of English. Yet all the children can read by seven. Yes, the schools in question

use the phonics system. Yet there is still a depressing resistance to phonics in the profession." And what of the new passion for excluding or

expelling the unteachable, a huxury long enjoyed by inde-pendent schools? To exclude a child, as Woodhead points out, was once regarded as an admission of failure. But one London sink school, turned around by an effective new

headmaster featured on Radio 4's Midweek this week, made 150 exclusions last year, 35 of them permanent. What happens to these youths? "Many get a good education. I am no

of them simply fall through the net," Woodhead says. "Some go to pupil referral units, but there aren't enough of them and they aren't good Meanwhile Matthew Wilson, the contentious 10-year-old who has closed his school, says (with an admirable com-mand of grammar) "I just want to go back to school and

different from any other An Oxford don once wrote about a student who, in an essay on 17th Century pastoral poetry, spelt it "pastrol" throughout. He explained that it was not a lubricating oil, but the adjective from pastor (Latin: a shepherd). She looked at him wide-eyed and said: "Does it matter?" The "so

what?" attitude to literacy

dates from her earliest schooldays. Why did the To-ries not get their educational act together 17 years ago? Could it be because so few had children in state schools?

Woodhead, two years into his five-year contract at £82,000 a year, knows he could be removed by a Labour administration, but the Oueen would have to be consulted. and he would like to know

why. "Mr Blunkett's views on education do not seem to be very different from my own; indeed, they seem to be rooted in the evidence that Ofsted presents. The principle of in-

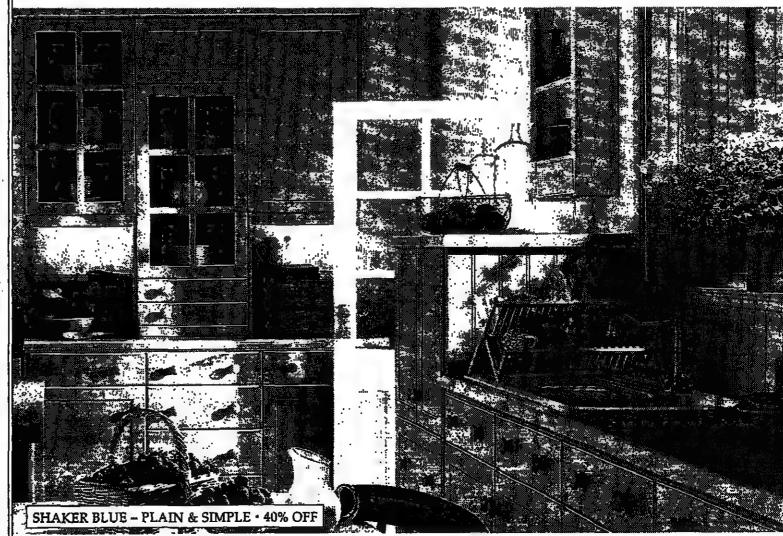
spection is totally accepted."
Woodhead does not see teachers as demoralised victims: most of them remain exuberant, in a deeply satisfying job. "Let's keep the headline-grabbing stuff in perspective. Most schools are perfectly orderly places. There is not a Blackboard Jungle out there." There is, however, a treacherous cliff

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Are we on the brink of the Clarke boom?

Interest rates must rise further to curb inflation, says Tim Congdon, one of the Chancellor's 'wise men'

The four years since sterling's expulsion from the European exchange-rate mechanism on September 16, 1992, have been good for the British economy. Growth has been continuous, unemployment has fallen steadily and inflation has been about 3 per cent

After years of volatile inflation. Britain seems to have secured financial stability. But how perma-nent are the gains? Unhappily, a strong case can be made that the new-found stability is in jeopardy.

The central problem is that the growth of the money supply has accelerated. The broad measure of money known as M4 increased in the three-and-a-half years to the end of 1994 at about 5 per cent a year, the longest period of monetary growth at such a low rate since the 1950s. The four years of moderate inflation are the reward for that restraint.

But since early 1995 monetary growth has risen to 10 per cent a year. As in previous episodes of monetary relaxation, the economy's initial response has been welcoming. The excess of money has been concentrated in the financial sector, where the money holdings of insurance companies and pension funds have been soaring by more than 20 per cent a year.

As the stocks of tangible capital assets (buildings, factories, and so on) in the economy cannot expand at even a quarter of that rate, asset prices (such as houses) have surged, echoing similar asset price movements in the early phase of the Lawson boom ten years ago.

The rich are doing particularly well. Unsurprisingly, there has been a great deal more spending by the sort of people who own shares and London houses. A boom in eating out has stimulated the brewing giants to pay fancy prices to acquire chains of restaurants. The occupancy rates of London hotels are back to the peak levels of the late 1980s and hotel valuations have soured. Meanwhile sales of luxury cars and exotic holidays are far ahead of expected levels. Bliss was it in that sunset of Conservative rule to be alive, but to be rich

was very heaven. But it is not only the rich who are feeling good. In the three months to August retail sales nationally increased by 1.8 per cent. If that were to continue for a year, it would translate into a rise of almost 74 growth since the late 1980s. Consumer spending is now rising at

more than 4 per cent per annum. So far in 1996 an upturn in consumer spending has not led to a wider boom, because many companies started the year with excessive stocks of unsold goods. They could meet higher sales by running their stocks down. But that process is coming to an end.

There is a good chance that by early 1997, a very different situation will have emerged. Consumer spending may keep growing at 4 per cent a year, while manufacturers have to step up production to eliminate shortages of stocks. If so. the growth in output would run at 4 or 5 per cent a year, which would qualify as full-scale boom.

Many of the Government's supporters will celebrate the re-emergence of the "feel-good" factor. timed to perfection in the run up to the general election. Kenneth Clarke appears to have been a master of economic stage management. But are memories so short? The economic upswing in the final year of Mr Clarke's Chancellorship will not be on the same scale as the notorious booms associated with

three of his Conservative predecessors: Maudling, Barber, and Lawson, But is already very similar in its general character. By April or May next the resemblance should be obvious to ali.

It is the same old game of electioneering-cum-inflationeering which Sir Keith (later Lord) Joseph attacked in his famous Preston speech of 1974, the speech which is supposed to have started monetarism (and indeed Thatcherism) as a political movement. In his words. when the money supply grows too quickly, inflation results. This has been known for centuries".

But the financial press and the chartering classes have other subjects to discuss, such as the hypothetical new single European currency. There is an almost total indifference to the mismanagement of the pound sterling, the old and well established currency that we actually have. This indifference is particularly notable at the so-called leading economic forecasting bodies", the National Institute of Economic and Social Research and

the London Business School.

With the exception of the author of this article, no member of the Treasury Panel of "wisc persons" has warned that the increase in monetary growth is relevant to the medium-term prospects for inflation. Professor Patrick Minford has, in fact, explicitly denied that faster growth in broad money will lead to higher inflation. In effect. almost nothing remains in Whitehall and Britain's universities of the monetarism which was supposed to be the essence of the present Government's approach to curbing

What is to be done? In terms of policy instruments, interest rates should be raised. The increase in base rates on Wednesday from 5.75 to 6 per cent was a move in the right direction, but it was too small to alter the macroeconomic environment in a fundamental way. At this early stage in the cycle.

while inflation expectations are still quite weak, an increase in base rate to, say, 7 per cent might be enough, once again, to dampen money supply growth to an acceptable S per-cent-a-year figure. But the long-er action is postponed, the more entrenched will inflation expectations become; and the more entrenched are inflation expectations, the higher will interest rates have to go eventually.

f course, that is an old gramophone record, even if it is a gramophone record which deserves to be played time and time again. The new and more disturbing message from the latest episode of monetary expansionism is the failure of the changes in Britain's economic constitution that followed the debacle of September 16, 1992. In theory, power was to be shifted from the politically motivated Chancellor of the Exchequer to the politically neutral Governor of the Bank of England. The key innovation was the publication of the minutes of their monthly

It is now clear that the meetingsand-minutes framework is failing. The ultimate power over interest rates still lies with the Chancellor. For him, short-term political advantage must have a higher priority than medium-term financial stability. The right answer is to give full operational independence including the power to set interest rates — to the Bank of England.

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A heretic at the Globe

remembers a book by Wil-liam Friedman and Elizabeth . Friedman, called The Shakespearean Ciphers Examined: An Analysis of Cryptographic Systems Used of Evidence That Some Author Other Than William Shakesepeare Wrote the Plays Commonly Attributed to Him. (It is very unlikely that you would have a copy, because the book was published in 1957, and I don't think that there were more editions.) If you are so lucky as to have a copy of the book - no. I shall not lend it to you, even if you are an Archbishop, I've been done more than once with that promise - you will be in Arcadia five minutes after you open it.

Mind you, when you have read the Shakespearean Ciphers book you have certainly not finished with the Friedmans. They were cryptologists, yes, but in the Second World War, in the United States, they did colossal work — it was they who cracked the highest level Japanese diplomatic cipher machine system.

But I have not yet told you what all this is about. It is about countless boobies, boobies who wouldn't and couldn't harm a fly, let alone another booby. Because the argument is still going on. and will go on till the end of time — the argument that says: No, no. there might have been a man called William Shakespeare (and many of the boobies don't even believe that), but he did not write, and could not have written, the 37 plays that we have and love and glory in.

And to give you a real shudder, a shudder that you would hardly believe - Enoch Powell - Enoch himself! - has announced that the 37 plays were not written by the hand of William Shakespeare himself, but were mostly done by very

many different hands. But why does the argument bubble up yet again, and in what form does it take shape this time? Dear reader: Prepare your doom in the shape of Mark Rylance, the head of the new Globe Theatre, who is expected to stage a play which he believes proves that Francis Bacon, the Elizabethan courtier and philosopher, wrote all the plays attributed to William

Shakespeare. For, you see, it is just because Shakespeare is the very greatest writer who has ever lived (and we are certain that he well never be surpassed) that there is a subterranean flow — almost all of it not even Whether *Hamlet* is by Shakespeare or Bacon, Anne Boleyn is by neither

understood by those who opened the sluices - who want to bring

The play that has knocked Shakespeare into the wings is called The Tragedy of Anne Boleyn, and Rylance says that it has languished virtually unknown in a rare collection of plays published in the last century. (Take it from me, anti-Stratfordians were very close mate: rare collec-

tions of plays pub-lished in the last century and virtually unknown, invariably turn out to be real stinkers.) But Mr Rylance must plod on. He is to consider the par-

allels between this play and The Tempest. Othello and a number of other "Shakespeare" plays, and prove beyond doubt that they were all penned by the same hand, that of Bacon. (Take it from me again, ducky; anything that "proves beyond doubt" in this field is ipso

Now Mr Rylance is neither a booby nor ignorant of Shakespeare. But he doesn't even change tack when he discovers that the man who runs the Francis Bacon Research Trust — Peter Dawkins is the very man who will prove that Bacon wrote Shakespeare or burst in the attempt. Why does Rylance want to make a fool of himself? Why, he even runs up the flag of the greatest nonsense in this business, and, his eyes gleaming, falls into the greatest and thickest mire of s! — the ciphers. Oh, yes, "Anne Boleyn contains a cipher that

reveals what really went on". A cipher! In 1996! With the Friedmans' watching from Heaven and perhaps giving evening classes in cryptology, and Friedman junior watching from the Inner Temple!

And I settled down with my wonderful The Shakesperean Ciphers Examined once again. But you must understand what my book means. Delightful - indeed sometimes hilarious - the Friedmans were cryptologists, and among the very greatest. And they wrote the book, because they wanted to settle not the countless

nonsenses that, over the years, have

encrusted on the argument, but the simple question: did Shakespeare write his works, or did Bacon?

The Friedmans made clear that Bacon could have written Shakespeare, and indeed many buckets of ink have been filled and emptied with the cipher that Bacon himself

to being loopy, and a good number were actually well over the loop did not worry Friedmans. Moreover, they

went a long way to make sure that the anti-Stratfordians could not say that they had been pushed off the stage. On the contrary:

More scholars ignore or slight the theories of anti-Stratfordians, who feel, understandably, all the more aggrieved. They must be given something better than derision, if only to reassure them that they are not the victims of a merely emotional reaction on the part of those who often have a material interest in the affair. They are entitled to a courteous and - wherever possible - a scientific examination of their

But however polite were the Friedmans, they must have - to begin with - "the long word". It appears in Shakespeare, in Love's Labour's Lost, when the Clown says: "I marvell thy Master hath not eaten thee for a word, for thou art not so long by the head as honorificabilitudinitatitibus." The long word has spawned countless Baconian claims, and — much worse - it has spawned countless anagrams, the anagrammist of course being the person who has

decided that he or she has found

the answer. What answer? The

answer, of course, that he or she

has decided is the answer. The Friedmans were meticulouspolite, but they must have shaken their heads in wonder. when they found the Baconians and others (many, many, others) jumbling words and bits of words and gigantic piles of nonsense and truly believing that they were making a huge contribution to cryptology. I wish I could bring

some of the amazing patterns and pages that the loonies spattered the book with. One, for instance, from a loony called Curningham, produced a page of Julius Caesar, with scores of lines running higgledypiggledy, and said that he had cracked the code, and all is now known. The Friedmans, taking exactly Cunningham's code, word for word, produced this:

"Dear Reader: Theodore Roosevel is the true author of this play but I. Bacon, stole it from him and bave the credit. Friedman can prove that this is so by this cock-eyed cipher invented by Doctor C."

But the real amazement comes when Cunningham withdrew, but went on claiming that his cipher would show the world that Bacon

wrote the plays.

Remember, reader, there are some 300 pages in the Friedmans book (including, I may say, one of the finest indexes I have ever seen), and every one of those lunatic pages has been studied carefully. For instance, Mrs Fiske's decipherments, accomplished by means of bilateral type-forms, are to be found in the Studies in the Bilater-

al Cipher. Here is one example: (m)ale desce'da't o' the Henry that founds th' Tudors - had the boor mankind is surprised to say 'in shor(i) foe I cry grace — Is pre-ominate resping found any less fully your suits? Justice?

And the Friedmans had examined every word of it.

et us come back to Mark Rylance. He is certainly not a lunatic, and he is a man who is steeped in theatre, a great deal of it coming from Shakespeare. All of a sudden he leaped into the ring announcing that Bacon wrote all Shakespeare's plays. Mr Rylance says that he is going to stage the play discussed, and I hope it comes off well. But his ravings about Shakespeare being Bacon are ridiculous. And one Professor of English Literature. Professor Jonathan Bate, said gently: "Rylance is a good actor, and a good director. But he does have wacky ideas about Shakespeare."

He does indeed, and Professor Bate tells us again that Anne Boleyn is also bilge, an extremely bad pastiche of Shakespeare, done perhaps in the 19th century. And the Prof sticks the last dagger into all this nonsense, by saying that Anne Boleyn "is not even by Bacon, let alone Shakespeare".



unknown dialogue, the Crisis ...

TichTatos: But how shall we teach our children virtue. O Socrates? Socrates: People have been asking me that question for 25 centuries, O Sophist of the Curriculum. And of

course this is the most important of all questions for a civil society. A predecessor of yours called Protag-oras claimed that he could teach oung men to be good citizens. But have always doubted whether civic virtue can be taught. For there are specialists in all other skills from creative accountancy to par-liamentary lobbying. If we wish to learn about such activities, we consult those who know the speciality. But in matters of government, every citizen is entitled to his voice, both in the public opinion poil and the phone in and the saloon bar. And once every five years in the polling booth. So it follows that no one regards civic virtue as something that can be taught. Also virtuous men quite often have victous sons. If the best citizens cannot hand on their virtues to their own sons, then virtue itself

must be unteachable.

Lady Olga Xanthippe: Baiderdash
and Poppycock, Socrates, And
what about the daughters? Children should be nurtured in virtue with a stable home environment, with both mother and father present in an official marriage relationship. They should be taught grammar and spelling from an early age. And if they make any mistakes through either ignorance or perversity or viciousness, they should be soundly beaten.

Socrates: O Lady Olga, i knew another Xanthippe who also used to give me a hard time with her harsh views, shrill voice and loud scolding within my own home environment. I found that I kept our marriage relationship most stable if I got out of the house as soon as the owl on the Acropolis hooted, and spent the rest of the day debating and dining out with the

young men about town.

NichTatos: But surely the state should lay down wishy-washy compulsory targets for morality and core values, so that its young people learn what is expected of them in the society in which they happen to have been born? For how else will they know what virtue means? Socrates: Moral rules may some-

times work in a small; monolithic politeia such as my ancient Athens. For there we excluded from our social contract all such disruptive influences as slaves, strangers and women. But even then we disremember the bitter end I came to. allegedly for "corrupting the youth" and teaching them the wrong moral curriculum. In fact, I was condemned as a prominent example for having taken the wrong (right-wing) side in a civil war. For even in my little Athens, we could not agree on a definition of civic virtue. After all, we were Greeks, and therefore we could on principle

agree on nothing. NichTatos: But surely it could do no harm if our children were to learn by heart the core values of our society. General ethical statements such as: "We value the natural world as a source of wonder and inspiration, and accept our duty to maintain a sustainable environment for the future."

ocrates: Learning by heart the sacred texts of the tribe, provided you can agree what they are, is good training in knowledge (and therefore virtue) for the young. But I prefer the English of your older Catechism of 1662, which starts 'What is your Name?' 'N. or M.' It must have been written by a more united and eloquent forum than yours. That old moralist Moses, who may have been a contemporary of Homer, got into great difficulties with his moral codes. When he came down from Mount Sinai with his core moral values on tables of stone, he told the waiting Israelites: "The good news is that I have negotiated the ethical commandments down to ten. The bad news is that adultery is still one of them."

Lady Olga Xanthippe: Morality and family values should be part of the national curriculum. Socrates: So far as it can be taught,

virtue is best taught by example, by parents and by good teachers, not by politicians fighting an election campaign. We know no spectacle so ridiculous as the British public in one of its periodical fits of morality. And how would you set your examination in morality. apart from the course work?

1. Can you tell the difference between virtue and vice? a) Yes b) No c) It depends what you mean by morality. 2. Have you told the truth in the above question? a) No b) No comment c) Mind your own busi-ness, or I'll thump you and then sue you. It would be more farcical than your old Sunday Schools, where at least the children learnt good English and were taught exciting stories, and collected pretty stamps. For this question of how to teach morals is a very old debate: No society has ever got it right. Only an enthusiast or a madman would expect to solve it finally, ever.

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Left alone JOHN MAJOR was panned by critics for his safe choice of records; Gordon Brown was mauled by Sue Lawley for being a bachelor: Tony

on Desert Island Discs. His office insists that Blair will be choosing his own records for the programme, to be broadcast within

Blair is, however, throwing caution

to the wind. The Leader of the

Opposition has agreed to appear

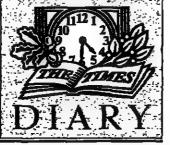


"So what do you do?"

his choice to the BBC which suggested yesterday that high propoliticians have previously employed consultants to help ensure a list of records which is 'politically correct". Mr Major dithered over his

choice of records, changing his mind on a number of occasions after submitting his original list. The Prime Minister's final choice ranged from Diana Ross through Frank Sinatra to Elgar. His luxury item was the Oval cricket ground Blair's office gave no hint of the musical treats in store for listeners. He may take his cue from Chris Patten, who appears on the programme on Sunday with the Rolling Stones's Route 66 among his choices. Blair was, after all, the long-haired lead singer in a band at Oxford which played songs by groups such as The Double Broth-ers, The Eagles, Chuck Berry and the Stones. Contemporaries insist that he managed a passable impression of Mick Jagger on stage.

■ Tory divisions over corporal punishment are clearly over, as the Prime Minister and the Education



Gillian Shephard, showed by planting a tree at Cardinal Vaughan school in Kensington on Wednesday. The sapling will grow into a birch.

Blowing in

LONDON'S fashion exodus to Paris continues with reports that Isa-bella Blow, the recherché stylist and fashion patron, is off to work with Alexander McQueen, the new head designer at Givenchy. Mrs Blow, who has championed McQueen ever since she bought his entire graduation collection, is said to be off to prepare advertising

campaigns for him at Givenchy. The stylist and designer are close friends. After scooping his British designer of the year award. McOueen spent the weekend with

Mrs Blow and her husband, the raffish lawyer Detmar Blow, at their house outside Gloucester. Given her exotic taste in headwear - she has also been an impor-

tant force in the career of Philip Treacy, milliner - and baroque fashion sense. Givenchy's advertising should be never less than intriguing.

Hindu hush

TIPTOEING his way through India and Pakistan at the moment is Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign



Issy Blow with admirer

Secretary. Last year, Cook caused a sub-continental rumpus when he told a meeting of Indian community leaders that Kashmir was an integral part of the Indian state. Pakistan, which administers sections of the state, and Britain's Pakistanis, were indignant and Cook swiftly had to file his comments under G for "gaffe".

He will be visiting the disputed territories during this visit, but his office declined to say anything more on the matter. The lesson has clearly been learnt.

• For the first time ever the Conservative Party diary features a picture of their leader with spouse. Norma Major appears nestling next to her husband where, in the past, he peered out on his own. Be-fore that Lady Thatcher appeared sans Denis. Rather unconvincingly, Central Office denies that it is part of the "secret weapon" plan to raise Mrs Major's profile before

Saddle up

NOVEMBER in Gloucestershire and the talk is of Badminton House and the opening day of the Duke of Beaufort's Hunt. For hunt snobs, the Beaufort, is the equivalent of Ascot's royal enclosure or tea with



the Queen Mother. Tomorrow, however, as the breath of mares fills the frosty morning, and assort-ed royalty and landed nobility gather in the shadow of Badminton House, all eyes will be on Princess Michael of Kent.

Though a keen and able huntswoman, in recent years she has been growing rather heavier in the saddle. At last year's final hunt, she endured the ignominy of having to be heaved onto her startled horse by a groaning manservant.

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The Government has to regain a sense of direction

CLINTON AND CAPITOL HILL

A Republican Congress would balance a re-elected President

Americans seem set to give Bill. Clinton a accepted and embraced with considerable

second term in their elections this Tuesday. skill outflanking Robert Dole in the process.

That much has been probable for some time. The Democratic leadership in Congress

The matter of real tension concerns the has had no such conversion. Their cam-

control of Congress, it is possible that a paign this year has focused exclusively on Clinton landslide might deliver Capital Hill. Old Democrat themes: namely taxing the to the Democrapic Party. Set against time.

If there is one pattern discernible from the past four years of this Administration, it is that each small sign of political recovery is rapidly followed by a setback. So it has been this month: a relatively united and successful Tory party conference has already been eclipsed by a fortnight of confusion! The result, as our MORI polls yesterday and today have shown, is a poll lead for Labour that is widening just as the Conservatives need it to narrow.

Ever since Frances Lawrence launched her manifesto, the Tories have been pushed onto areas where they struggle for advan-tage: they have gone "off-message", as the professionals like to put it. Labour, whose representatives run most of the country's tottering town halls and education authorities, may not be better in practice at answering the Lawrence call; but the public has heard Tony Blair's speeches about healing Britain's fractured society and is no longer as afraid of the Opposition as it was. The Government, struggling to disassociate itself from rioting schools and murderous housing estates, has been forced into a series of defensive and sometimes indefensible positions. Labour taunts of weakness and drift have a cruel ring of truth.

Our poll today shows that, by a margin of 2.5 to 1, voters think that Labour is the party most likely to put Mrs Lawrence's manifesto into effect. Barely more than half of Tory. supporters (and they are themselves thin on the ground) believe that their own party is the best to oversee this moral renewal. For the first time in memory, law and order has become the most important concern for voters. How extraordinary that this issue, so dear to the heart of the Tory party, should

have become an Opposition domaine. This is not the only issue on which the Conservative message is uncertain. On beef, the Government appears to be floundering; it was impossible to make head or tail of John Major's answers in the Commons yesterday. Only the economy is in the Tories' favour, and even that is not wholly positive,

That much has been probable for some time.

according to opinion surveys, is the long

standing reluctance of voters to vest com-

plete power in the hands of any one party.

Given the widespread complaint that the

US political system is prone to "gridlock" -

political impasse caused by the failure of the

electorate to award authority to one source

- such caution might seem curious. This

year, it is unusually well founded. Not only

would the interests of the American people

be served by divided political spoils, that

outcome would bring a more constructive

The astonishing recovery of the President

since 1994 has been based on his re-

discovery of the "New Democrat" creden-

tials upon which he was elected in 1992 but-

which he appeared to abandon almost the

instant he entered office. This year Mr.

Clinton has had a consistently populist

message, favouring deficit reduction, a

middle-class tax cut and a host of socially

conservative programmes. While this switch

has been shaped by an appreciation of the

limitations on presidential power, it has also

been influenced by an acute awareness of

No President has read the polls better

than this one. His electorate favours a

constrained conservatism, supporting the

Reneral direction of policy that Republicans:

have brought to Washington over the last

two years but without the hectic tempo and.

revolutionary rhetoric of Newt Gingrich and

his vanguard. This the White House has:

When Europe's foreign ministers gather

round one of their many polished tables to

chorus their disapproval of human rights

abuses in Burma or Burundi, they seldom

mention a notorious case closer at hand. For

many EU governments, the long-lasting

threat to the life of Salman Rushdie has

become a bore and an embarrassment, an

impediment to better relations with an

Iranian state dangling lucrative contracts.

Yet that same Iranian state refuses to reverse

a sentence of death passed on Mr Rushdie.

improved over the past year. He has made

public appearances in most continents.

many of them advertised in advance. The

author has developed a well-practised

routine of consultation with local police

forces which invariably precedes such visits.

Security measures vary, but most police

forces appreciate that the risk of attack must

be balanced against the value of showing

that a man unjustly condemned to death

may live something approaching a normal

a reading of his work in Vienna, advertised

Among other places Mr Rushdie visited

this year to publicise The Moors Last Sigh

was Denmark. A month ago, the EU's

literary great and good awarded him and

life. Mr Rushdie has recently returned from

for three weeks in advance.

Little by little, Mr Rushdie's life has

American public sentiment.

four years for Bill Clinton himself.

with this week's interest rate rise presaging more to come.

Some Conservatives believe that a continuing economic recovery, linked to the fear that Labour would min it, is the single pillar around which the Tories can bolster their election chances. It is, indeed, their best prospect. But, with moral issues circling in the air, there are also extra dangers. When voters feel prosperous, they can concentrate on other "quality of life" issues, such as the environment or the social order. Every Labour victory has occurred when growth was high and unemployment falling.

Tory unity remains a pollsters precondition of recovery. The truce over Europe has lasted now for a month or two but remains fragile. The stronger the position of the Chancellor the more likely he is to drive his opponents on Europe to dissent. Labour disunity would help the Conservatives to improve their ratings; but since the party conference, the rebels on that side have not obliged. Labour's will to win is probably still greater than that of the Tories, and there is no divisive issue that runs as deep through the Opposition as Europe does through the governing party.

The last hope for the Tories is that the polls are wrong. It is certainly true that national opinion polls are registering a Labour lead some ten points larger than that shown on the ground in local by-election results. Over the past two years they have consistently shown Labour at about 44 per cent and the Conservatives at 31 per cent. That gap is still large, but it is not as daunting as the "protest-vote"-inflated opinion polls.

The gap can be closed only if the Government rediscovers a sense of direction. At the moment, Mr Major and his ministers are like corks bobbing on a choppy sea. It is no wonder that Labour has taken advantage of government disarray, or that the public is inclined to reward the Opposition. The prospect of a Tory victory at the next election is thin and growing thinner.

regardless of their cost, and strong support

for America's labour union movement.

Furthermore, if selected Speaker of the

er Richard Gephardt would embark upon a

four year struggle with Vice President Albert

Gore for their party nomination in the year

2000. This would be at least as disruptive to

good government, probably more so, as was

the struggle between Newt Gingrich and

if the President really wants more

progress towards a balanced budget, tax

reform, and innovation in social policy, he is

more likely to get it through bargaining with

Republicans — exploiting his veto weapon —

than through negotiations with a congres-

sional caucus nominally of his own creed

Alternatively, it is possible that Mr

Clinton's adoption of "New Democrat"

clothing this year is as transitory as it proved

at the last election. So far his intentions for a

further term have been ambiguous. He

could claim a more liberal mandate for his

victory than those who gave it to him at the

ballot box ever intended. Were this so, his

relations with the Democratic Party would

be more affectionate but the American

public would feel more than a little misled.

The best guarantee against such a dev-

elopment is, once again, the return of a

Republican Congress that would oblige him

to stick to the formula that has proved so

the Austrian author Christoph Ransmayr its

annual Aristeion Prize: the award ceremony

is by tradition held each year in the city

bearing the title of European City of Culture.

Mr Rushdie began his preparations to go to

Scandinavian governments have been

among the most aggressive in their defence

of Mr Rushdie's right to live and publish.

Mr Rushdie's Norwegian translator nearly

paid with his life when he was shot in 1993.

But the Danish Government yesterday

revealed that its tough words will remain.

merely words in Mr Rushdie's case. Via the

Foreign Office, Mr Rushdie has been told

that his safety in the Danish capital cannot

be guaranteed and that they will try to make

alternative arrangements in another city.

Copenhagen has become the European City

of Culture which does not think culture

If the Danish authorities have uncovered

a fresh source of threat to the author's life

which they do not wish to publicise, there

are surely better ways of passing on the

news than a brusque note forwarded by the

Foreign Office. The only other conclusion is

that Denmark's Government has lost its

nerve and is making a fool of itself and of the

EU. The prize ceremony is not until

November 14. The harm can still be undone.

worth protecting.

Copenhagen and accept the prize.

popular on the campaign trail.

COPENHAGEN COWARDICE

A nasty black story of Salman Rushdie and the Danes

that has little interest in this agenda.

Bill Clinton was in 1995.

House of Representatives, Democratic lead-

Except in the unlikely event of a reform of the EU, withdrawal from the

Yours faithfully.
ANTHONY QUICK, Corbin, Scoriton. Buckfastleigh, South Devon. October 29.

Prescott complaint

From Sir Stanley Kalms. Chairman of Dixons Group ple

Sir, On October 30 I agreed to a request from the BBC Six O'Clock News team to give an interview on the likely effects on the retail industry of the Chancellor's decision to raise interest rates. I was invited to do so as Chairman of Dixons Group plc, the leading electrical retailer and FTSE 100 company. As a businessman of many years' standing I contributed an independent assessment of the economic situation. My comments were subsequently used in the programme.

I am outraged to learn that John Prescott, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party, has condemned the BBC for interviewing me on the grounds that my assessment of the economy was positive. According to Mr Prescott. I am a Tory Party placeman". On the contrary, i speak as a businessman, i am not a politician.

The sinister implication of Mr Prescott's action is clear. For the Labour Party to seek to gag me, simply because I do not endorse their policies, is profoundly disturbing. To attempt to blacklist a private citizen smacks of totalitarianism. It suggests that any future Labour government would aim to censor the media in a quite unprecedented manner.

Do new Labour keep an "enemies list"? If so, which names are on it besides my own?

STANLEY KALMS. Chairman. Dixons Group plc, 29 Farm Street, WI. October 31.

Yours faithfully.

No kids, no rage?

From Mrs Pamela Morgan

Sir, Last week I drove happily to and from work each day without the harassment and aggression that I usually encounter. Do you think that this absence of road rage could be linked to the half-term break?

Yours (registration number withheld). PAMÈLA MORGAN. 9 Winterstoke Gardens. Mill Hill, NW7. October 28.

Polonius updated

From Lieutenant-Colonel Malcolm Cooper

Sir, Neither a borrower nor a lender be, except with a building society going public (report, October 29).

I am. Sir, your obedient servant. MALCOLM COOPER. Mount Pleasant; Church Street, Ropley, Alresford, Hampshire. October 29.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

From Mr David Farrer, OC

Sir, The populist auction in "law and

order legislation - now engaging

Government and Opposition alike -

promises a fitting culmination to the

disastrous sequence of instant law-

making of the last five years. Jack

Straw is clearly determined to match Michael Howard in placating what-

ever whim possesses tomorrow's tab-

loid leaderwriter and it seems that no

voter-friendly enactment will receive

proper scrutiny, however daft, ill-

"Stalking" can of course be gravely

damaging; but there is no evidence

that it is any more an epidemic today

than five years ago. If a new offence is to be created, it needs very careful

drafting and scrutiny, lest injustice be

Frances Lawrence's tragedy and

her moving testament have rightly

nate use of knives, with similarly dis-

astrous consequences, has occupied

the courts daily throughout the That-

cher and Major eras. Workable legis-

lation is not something to be passed on

the nod for fear of alienating the voter.

repeating violent and sexual offend-

ers, raise fundamentally important practical and ethical questions which

cannot be dodged simply by treating a life sentence as though it were just a

flexible friend for the executive rather

than, as in the offender's eyes, the ulti-

Many of those who prosecute or

represent such people must readily

bring to mind examples of men who

would kill their victims if their detec-

tion meant a life sentence anyway.

The subtleties of determining its

length are liable to escape them.

From the Bishop of Chelmsford

Sir, It is a cause for considerable re-

mate punishment.

Yours faithfully,

DAVID FARRER.

9 Bedford Row, WCI.

Minimum sentences, especially for

moved the nation. Yet the indiscrimi-

done.

drafted or plain illiberal it may be.

Future of fishing fleets of Europe

From Mr Anthony Quick

Sir, Mrs Emma Bonino (letter, October 28) has an impossible task as European Commissioner for Fisheries. She cannot admit that the main cause of the fishing crisis in Western Europe is the common fisheries policy

The EU has been unable to adapt itself to the enormous changes in the international law of the sea since the Treaty of Rome. At the time of its signing fishing zones had hardly extended beyond the old three-mile limit. The new EEZs (exclusive economic zones) extend to 200 miles and include fishing rights, giving far more extensive rights to coastal states with large EEZs. By its parochial and obsolete stance the EU has not yet acknowledg-

A multi-purpose body like the EU is unfitted to administer fishing policy. Only five EU states have a legitimate interest in Atlantic fishing policy, yet 15 have a vote. That Austria and Luxembourg, both landlocked states, should have an equal say with Britain. France and Spain is a patent ab-

Moreover, in the Brussels bazzar. fishing issues are decided on irrelevant considerations. For instance, the entry of Spanish ships into the Irish Box turned on the accession treaties for Austria. Finland and Sweden.

The EU's fishing policies have been particularly inept. Initially it encouraged a large expansion in the EU fishing fleet, and its current policy of trying to force fishermen to throw fish back into the sea is unworkable and wrong-headed.

No wonder that those European countries which have good fishing grounds and value their fishing industry - Iceland, Norway, Faeroes and Greenland - have stayed outside the common fisheries policy or withdrawn from it. As a result their fishing has been far better managed than that

CFP seems Britain's only sensible op-

gret that any explicit references to marriage are omitted from an other-

wise admirable moral code for schools proposed in the report of the National Forum for Values in Education and the Community (reports, October 29

Law and order legislation and a moral code for schools

It is important to commend marriage strongly to children if we are to counter the growth of one-parent families in the next generation. It is my experience that few single parents would choose to be without a partner to share in the responsibilities and pri-

vileges of parenthood.

The five dissenters from the report are to be commended for their distinctive contribution. It is to be hoped that the main thrust of their proposal that "the family is the basic unit of social life and entering into marriage and raising a family includes passing on spiritual, moral and cultural values" will yet find a place in any statement of shared values to be sent out to schools.

A positive and sensitive affirmation of marriage and the nuclear family is urgently needed for our next generation of parents.

Yours faithfully. TJOHN CHELMSFORD. Bishopscourt,

Margaretting, Ingatestone, Essex.

From the Headmaster of Northamptonshire Grammar School Sir, I am sure that the time is now

right for George Bernard Shaw's quotation: "Morality consists in suspecting other people of not being legally married.

Yours faithfully, SIMON H. LARTER, Headmaster, Northamptonshire Grammar School. Pitsford Hall, Pitsford, Northamptonshire. October 29.

From Mrs S. A. R. Whitham

Sir. No doubting the gravity of the moral crusade. No doubting the diligence of those who have put together the "statement of shared values" featured in your paper today. But oh, the language of that statement. What an unspeakably dreary concection.

I trust no one seriously expects children to learn such stuff by heart. If so, I fancy I can already hear them droning that which ought to be declaimed. Where's the poetry to stir the soul? Where's the force of expression to move the readers, to convince them that these things absolutely must be, and cannot be otherwise?

Yours, etc. S. A. R. WHITHAM. The Homestead. South Park, 17 Park Grove, Macclesfield, Cheshire. October 29.

From Mr John Harriey

Sir. "A statement of shared values for children to learn by heart": really? Self: "a unique being of intrinsic

Relationships: "relationships as fundamental to our development". Society: "collective endeavour for the common good".

Environment: "a source of wonder and inspiration". I am not sure if I know what some of these words mean - but then I am

Yours faithfully, JOHN HARTLEY.

Lower Clatcombe House. Sherborne, Dorset, October 30.

From Mr Michael Graham-Jones

Sir. Concerning values and principles in education and society, readers may like to know that Christian Action, the association founded by Canon John Collins to promote the application of Christian principles in national affairs, plans shortly to celebrate its 50th anniversary by closing down.

Some of its few surviving members find this assonishing.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL GRAHAM-JONES. The Limes, Standlake, Oxfordshire. October 31.

Choice of Forces chief

From General Sir John Waters

Sir. The overall impression given, implicitly or otherwise, in your coverage of the appointment of the next Chief of the Defence Staff (report, October 16; letter, October 23) is that the Secretary of State for Defence made the wrong choice.

It is difficult to know whether to envy or be sorry for the Secretary of State, having to choose between two such weil-qualified high-quality can-didates as Sir Jock Slater and Sir Charles Guthrie. However, a brief glance at the left breast of both their uniform tunics shows that the right decision was made.

Many in the Armed Forces are still shaken, and some still angered by "Options for Change", the defence cuts programme announced in 1990. and some of the precipitate changes which followed thereafter. Possibly unjustly, some servicemen, and particularly the more junior, feel that their difficulties, such as overstretch, at least in part result from too many of their seniors having spent too long "in suits". In doing so they are thought to have become virtually indistinguishable from officials, having little memory of what it is like to be at the sharp

Guthrie's good fortune in having had much active service by no means diminishes Slater's talents and abilities. But Guthrie's selection will give reassurance to the many servicemen

Sir, Underground high-voltage cables are much more expensive than equi-

valent overhead power lines, but the

cost ratio and impact need not be as

severe as the National Grid's chair-

also letters, October 9, 11, 18).

man claims (letter. October 24; see

For a major project most of the cost

is in associated works rather than the

lines themselves, so diluting the ratio.

New high-temperature superconduct-

ing technology, now at the prototype

stage, is forecast to reduce the ratio

from over ten to about three after

allowing for savings on power losses.

of a dual carriageway", watercooled

400kV cables need scarcely more than

a metre-wide trench. Remote drilling

technology, routinely used for lower-

voltage cables, has been developed for

gas pipes under land and sea over

The National Grid should be striv-

ing to reduce the cost ratio by im-

proved technology and to reduce over-

head lines. Instead it is seeking to

duplicate the north-south grid line

through Cleveland and Yorkshire to

promote bulk transport of power from

Scotland to the South of England. The

energy which would be wasted in this

remote generation and long-distance

transmission would be worth some

If this project succeeds there will be knock on grid developments through-

Welbury, Northallerton, North Yorkshire.

£500 million per annum.

out the country.

Yours faithfully.

Garden House.

October 28.

M. J. O'CARROLL.

long distances.

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Burying cables

From Professor Emeritus

M. J. O'Carroll

still daily risking their lives and reputations in Bosnia and elsewhere worldwide on behalf of their country. He has "been there" too.

Yours sincerely, JOHN WATERS. The Army and Navy Club. Pall Mall. SWI.

From Mr Philip Cong

Sir, Sir Leslie Townsend argues (letter, October 23) that the post of Chief of the Defence Staff (CDS) would be better filled through rotation between the Services than by appointment. I suggest that the premise should always be "the best man for the job" and not a political appointee.

Among the best commanders I served under were Royal Marines officers. Why should they be excluded from the CDS post? Moreover, as a former RAF officer, why does the Chief of the Air Staff always have to be a pilot? There are too many illogicalities in current military practice.

The CDS appointment requires strong leadership and unlimited wisdom. Let's get the "best" man into the job, elected by his peers. Who really cares about the colour of the uniform. whether he wears wings or not, if he's a hunting man, or anything else?

Yours faithfully, PHILIP CONGDON (Defence consultant). 4 Hindle Fold Lane, Great Harwood, Blackburn, Lancashire, October 23.

From Mr D. B. Jenkin Sir, The arguments about the advan-

tages of overhead and underground transmission lines for electricity ignore the most important point: we should reduce the need for either by generating electricity where it is

Past government policies encouraged the generation of power near coalmines, so that the South of England now gets much of its power from the North and Midlands. Battersea. Bankside, Fulham and other southern power stations were scrapped, when they could have been converted to generate power cleanly and near the users.

It is cheaper and more efficient to transport fuel than electricity. We should also build generators in places where the waste heat can be employed in factories, offices or homes, so that we use our fossil fuel reserves logically and minimise the carbon dioxide emissions that are believed to cause global warming.

Natural gas may be the most efficient and economic fuel for generating power in the short term, but cheap gas supplies are limited and recent techniques for gasifying coal and oil in medium-sized plants show that power can be generated cleanly even from dirty fuels.

Let us site our power stations in the most suitable places, maximise their efficiency and minimise the need for transmission lines. Then we can decide whether we can afford to bury the lines in sensitive areas or, with luck, scrap some of them.

Yours faithfully, D. B. JENKIN, (Gas and oil consultant), 30 Hare Hill Close. Pyrford, nr Woking, Surrey. October 31.

Updated 'Fowler'

From Mrs Alyson Wilson Sir. Philip Howard ("A jubilee for

writers", October 28) comments that Fowler annoyed the crusties by refusing to shoot some of their betes noirs" whereas "Burchfield is going to annoy them more by producing quowriters have tidden their bêtes notrs through their dearest taboos".

Does this, I wonder, imply that Burchfield contradicts Fowler's entry under bête noire: "Those who wish to use the phrase in writing must not suppose ... that the gender can be

Yours faithfully ALYSON WILSON, 22 Crescent Grove, SW4.

October 29.

From Mr David Watkins Sir. To blithely excuse the splitting of infinitives is as distasteful to the careful user of English as using preposi-

Yours faithfully, D. WATKINS. 40 Prospect Road, Farnborough, Hampshire. October 29.

tions for ending sentences with.

Best kept secret?

From Sir Humphry Wakefield

Sir. While kindly using my beautiful white cows, avenue and bronze equestrian statue to illustrate your report (Travel News, October 17) on the launch of the "Secret Kingdom" campaign, your correspondent writes that we intend "to make north Northumberland as popular with tourists as the Lake District and the Yorkshire No sir! As loved but never, ever, so

popular please.

Yours etc. HUMPHRY WAKEFIELD, Chillingham Castle. Chillingham, Northumberland. October 27.

Monkey business

From Professor A. Peter Fawcett

Sir. Is the Church of England's memorial service for a deceased monkey in Chester-le-Street. Co Durham (report. October 25), merely a belated act of contrition? In 1805, the ever-vigilant citizens of nearby West Hartlepool hanged a monkey on the grounds of being a suspected French spy.

Yours faithfully. A. PETER FAWCETT, 78 Park Road, Chilwell. Nottingham. October 29.

Horse sense

From Mr Gerald Vinestock

Sir, Only two thirds of the racehorses selected as losers by Australian scientists duly lost (report, October 31)? I can do better than that without the aid of science.

Yours faithfully, GERALD VINESTOCK, 2 Overhead Cottages. Capernwray, Carnforth, Lancashire.



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director, died reserday aged

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COURT CIRCULAR

Keepers Lodge, Solihull. CLARENCE HOUSE

October 31: Air Commodore Simon Bostock today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. Commandant-in-Chief. Royal Air Force Central

in-Chiel. Royal Air Force Central Flying School. upon relinquishing his appointment as Commandant. Air Commodore Cavin Mackay also had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon assuming his appointment as Commandant of the Central Flying School. ST JAMES'S PALACE

October 31: The Prince of Wales. President. The Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture, this morn-ing viewed the Visual Islamic and

Traditional Arts (VITA) Interim Show, Cowcross Street, London ECI. His Royal Highness, President. The Prince's Trust, later attended a

The Prince's Trust, later attended a ceremony to re-open the Lyceum Theatre, London WC2, and subsequently toured the theatre and met people involved in its renovation, together with supporters of the Trust. The Prince's Trust, this atternoon presented the Arthur Andersen Business Rewards to young entrepreneurs supported by the Youth Business Trust and afterwards met the finalists and other supporters of the Youth Business Trust at St James's Palace. His Royal Highness this evening

Business Trust at St James's Palace, held a Reception at St James's Palace to mark the Twenty Fifth Anniver-sary of the International Institute for

sary of the international ristatule for Environment and Development. The Prince of Wales. Patron, Schizophrenia a National Emergency (SANE), later attended a Dinner at St Jameste Palace.

James's Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE

October 31: The Princess Margaret.
Countess of Snowdon today attended a Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Founding of the National Association of Almshouses which was held in Westminster Abbase.

Westminster Abbey.

PHUPAN PALACE
October 31: The Queen and The Duke
of Edinburgh were received at the
British Embassy. Bangkok, this
morning by Her Majesty's Ambassador and Lady Hodge.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness laid a Wreath at the War
Memorial and met Embassy Staff
and their families, before attending a
Reception for the British community.

The Queen and The Duke of
Edinburgh later bade farewell to the
Mayor of Bangkok at the Pavilion of
the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration.

Her Majesty and His Royal High-ness this afternoon left Don Muang Airport for Sakhon Nakhon. Airport for saknon Naknon.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh later visited the Royal Development Centre. Phupan, and viewed agricultural and forestry projects.
Her Majesty and His Royal High-

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh afterwards viewed craft displays at Phupan Palace, and His Royal Highness met local

businessmen.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were entertained to Dinner this evening by The King and Queen of Thailand at Phupan Palace, Members of the Royal Family of Thailand were present.

His Royal Highness this morning received conservation experts in Bangkok.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE BILL KINGHAM PALACE.

October 31: The Princess Royal this morning opened the Institute of Sales and Marketing Management's Annual Conference at the International Conference Centre. Birmingham, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Midlands (Mr. Robert Taylog).

Lord-Lieutenant of West Midlands (Mr Robert Taylor). Her Royal Highness, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, afterwards amended the National Conference of Chairpersons and Members of the Management Committees of Carers Centres at BT. Serkley House. Berkley Street.

YORK HOUSE
October 31: The Duke of Kent.
Patron, this morning attended Trinip
College of Music's Presentation Day
Ceremony, St John's Smith Square,
London, SWI. Birmingham.

The Princess Royal, President of the Patrons. Crime Concern, this afternoon attended the CASCADE.

Royal engagements The Prince of Wales, on behalf of The Queen, will hold an investiat Buckingham Palace at Princess Margaret. President of

the NSPCC, will open the Don-caster Social Services Department/NSPCC Therapeutic Centre, May Avenue, Doncaster, at 3.15; and will attend a reception at the Doncaster Moat House

Newcastle branch of the Alzheimer's Disease Society at Brenkley Way, Seaton Burn, North Tyneside at 2.25; and, as patron, will open the new vet-erinary centre of the PDSA at Stoneygate Lane, Felling, Gates-head, Tyne and Wear, at 3.30. The Duke of Kent, as Chancellor of Surrey University, will attend the 30th anniversary dinner at the

Princess Alexandra will open the

Birthdays today

Mr Umberto Agnelli, former dep-uty chairman, Flat, 62; Alderman Sir Hugh Bidwell, former Lord Mayor of London, 62; Professor Sir Hermann Bondi, former Master, Churchill College, Cambridge, 77; Admiral Sir John Bush, 82; Miss Victoria de los Angeles, opera singer, 73; Mr Michael Denison. actor, 81; His Honour George Dobry, QC, 78; Miss Tazeena Firth, designer, 61; Mr Nigel Fox Bassett, former senior partner, Clifford Chance 67 Me Bassett Nicholis, 84: Mr. David Harris,

senior partner. Coopers & Lybrand, 74; Sir Wynn Hugh-Jones, diplomat, 73; Dr Margaret Hustler, Headmistress, Harrogate Ladies College, 47: Mr Andrew Knight, former executive chair-man, News International, 57: Dr J. Dickson Mabon, former, MP, 71; Mrs Naomi Mitchison, author, 99; Mr Nick Owen, broadcaster, 49; Mr Gary Player, golfer, 61: Mr John Pullin, rugby player, 55; Mr James Ramsden, former MP, 73; executive, Ramers Group, 47; Mr Nigel Stapleton, co-chairman, Reed Elsevier, 50; Lord Strabolgi, 82.

The night sky in November

By MICHAEL J. HENDRIE

MERCURY is at superior conjunction on the 2nd. It then becomes an evening star but still sets less than an hour after the Sun by the 30th so it will not be observable in

Venus is a morning star in Virgo through until 1997 rising nearly three hours before the Sun by the 30th. At -3.9 magnitude Venus is still a brilliant object in the eastern dawn sky, with the crescent Moon reaching on the 5th It presses 4 nearby on the 6th. It passes 4 degrees north of Spica on the l6th-Mars is 1.0 magnitude and in

Leo rising soon after midnight during November. The waning crescent Moon will be to the south of Mars on the morning of the Sth. Jupiter is far south of the equator in Sagittarius. -2.0 magnitude, and will be seen low in the southw setting by ISh 30m on the 30th. Moon to the north on the 15th. Saturn is an evening object in Pisces, setting before 02h by the South Saturn is only 2 degrees south of the celestial equator, a bright 0.8 magnitude object to the south of the Square of Pegasus.

Moon to the north on the 20th. Uranus in Capricornus sets by 20h late in the month. At 5.7 magnitude it requires optical aid for identification. Moon to the north on the 15th-16th.

Neptune is in Sagittarius setting 30m before Uranus. It is 8 mag-nitude and also requires binocu-lars or a telescope and a chart showing fainter stars than our charts include. The Moon: last quarter 3d 08h;

new Moon Ild O4h; first quarter 18d Oth; full Moon 25d O4h. The full Moon will be very close to the 1st magnitude star Aldebaran at dusk on the 25th.
Sunset on the 1st is at 16h 35m

and at 15h 50m on the 30th while sunrise is at 06h 50m and 07h 45m on the same dates. Astronomical twilight ends at 18h 30m and 17h 55m early and late in the month and begins again at 05h 00m and 05h 45m.

Kate Alderson



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23h (11 pm) at the beginning, 22h (10 pm) in the middle, and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the month, local mean time. At places away from the Greenwich meridian the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, the zenith being at the centre. Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24hour notation, is used in the accompanying notes unless otherwise stated.

Algol, the variable star in Perseus, fades from 2.1 to 3.4 magnitude every 69 hours. It can be seen when faint this month about the following times: 5d 04h, 8d 01h, 10d 21h, 13d 18h, 25d 05h, 28d 02h and 30d 23h.

Comet Hale-Bopp, which astronomers hope will be a bright naked eye object in March-April 1997, reached 4.5 magnitude in mid-October and could brighten to 3.5 mag, by end November. The comet has a strong centre (is strongly condensed) and a short tail towards the northeast. It is no longer on the monthly

chart but can be seen after dark in

the southwest close to the position

given in the October notes. It is just

south of the equator and below a

group of six stars in Ophiuchus. It

lars if not with the naked eye as it moves very slowly northeastwards The Taurid meteor shower is not

the mouth.

as strong as the August Perseids or December Geminids but it does produce some nice slow and often bright "shooting stars", at up to about 10 per hour on the 3rd. The meteors radiate from the general area to the west of Aldebaran and below the Pleiades and may be seen in small numbers for much of

November is also the month of the Leonids. This shower is formed of debris left by comet Tempel-Tuttle which returns to the Sun every 33 years and will be closest again in February 1998. Unlike the Perseids, Geminids and many

good chance that some meteors will be seen this year. The shower is expected to peak on the morning of the 17th though the period 15th-20th should be watched. The

Leonids, which move quickly across the sky often leaving an illuminated streak or "train". appear to radiate from the "sickle" head of the figure of the lion, as the constellation is usually drawn. While more meteors may be expected next year, the Moon will be near full. This year however with first quarter on the 18th, the

omer snowers where the melecuric particles are spread right round the orbit, the Leonids particles are bunched together giving strong displays, usually at 33-year inter-

vals with very few meteors seen in

the intervening years.

With the return of the come

numbers are expected to increase numbers are expected to increase over the next five years with strong displays and perhaps even short-lived meteor "storms" like that seen in North America in 1966

when for some minutes rates equivalent to 100,000 per hour

were seen. While nothing like this can be predicted for 1996, there is a

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circumstances are good during the second part of the night when Leo rises higher in the east.

The bright star that can be seen low in the south during the evening is Fornalhaut, principal star of Piscis Austrinus or the Southern Fishes. The two interhead stars of the Southern Fishes of the Southern Fishes.

righthand stars of the Square of Pegasus lead down to it. Fornalhaut is a white star of 1.2 magnitude some 22 light-years Deneb, the brightest star in

Cygnus, is also of spectral class A Stoke Trister, Somerset. and 1.2 magnitude but it is over 1,800 light years away. This makes it some 7,000 times brighter than Pomalhaut If Deneb were closer to us it would be a very brilliant star

The Times Night Sky 1997 booklet contains monthly charts and notes on the year's events and important developments in astronomy and spaceflight. Published by Times Books. ISBN 0-7230-0879-5. r.r.p. £3.50 from bookshops.

Insurance Institute

The Right Hon Kenneth Clarice, QC, Chancellor of the Exchequer, was in court yesterday as Foreman of the Jury for a mock trial organised by the Nottingham Insurance Institute and leading solicitors Beechcroft Stanley. The Judge for the trial, held at the Galleries of Justice, Nottingham, was former cabiner minister Mr David Hunt MP. The event was not of the

Nottingham

Service dinners

Hayel Marines Major General Devid Pennefather. Commandant General Royal Ma-rines, presided at a dinner held last

were:
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of Smiloners and Newspaper Makers),
Brigadier D G Sharp (The Clerk,
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D H Cobley (Artist).

London Scottish Regiment.

Colonel R.D. Holliday, Colonel of the
London Scottish Regiment, presided
at the annual Hallowern dimer held
last night at the Horselerry Road
Headquarters, Dr John Raid, MP,
also spoke. Those present included:
The Deputy Commander in Chief UK,
Land Command, and InspectorGeneral Territorial army, the Director
of Infanty, Mr David Maclean, MP,
and Mr Merzies Campbell, QC, MP.

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Paraborouga Members of No I RAF Officers Mess were entertained at dinner lest night at Farnborough by the Officers of the

Royal Navy serving at the Defence Research and Evaluation Agency Farnborough. The dinner also marked the 56th anniversary of the Lamb-Hughes was the principal guest. Commander M.F. Phillips presided.

Forthcoming marriages

The engagement is announce hetween Gry, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Alan Atherton, of Rordingbridge, Hampshire, and Kathleen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs F. McGurk, of Brussels,

Mr B.G. Bacon and Mins W. Lumb Mr C.M.H. Walkinshaw and Miss P.A. MacSwiney

The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mr Tony Bacon, of Lower Basildon, Berkshire, and the laze Mrs locelyn Bacon, and Wendy, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Lumb, of Ossett, West Yorkshire. Mr J.E. Crossman

and Dr S.F. Hanrod
The engagement is announced
between John, eldest son of Mr
and Mrs Ian Crossman, of Hove. East Sussex, and Sarah, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Francis Hanrott, of Marlborough, Devon. Mr S.C. Kaye and Mim I.E. Plant

Mr W.G. Atherion and Miss K.A. McGurk

The engagement is announced between Stuart, elder son of Mr and Mrs Barry Kaye, of Canterbury, Kent, and Isla, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Plant, of Tewin Wood, Hertfordshire. Mr LC Lebel

and Miss A.K. Jordan The engagement is announced between Laurent, son of M and Mme Claude Lebel, of Esmans, France, and Alice, younger daugh-ter of Mrs Jane Pennington, of Oxford and Mr David Jordan, of

Mr R.N.E. Spencer The engagement is announced between Robert, eldest son of Mr

and Mrs David Spencer, Littlebourne, Kent, and Lilian, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs W.T. McKeever, Faversham, Kent.

The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs Cecil Redfern, of Fullmer. Buckinghamshire, and Annahelle. elder daughter of Dr Alister Hoda: of Askham, Kent, and Mrs Mariline Johnstone, of Hitchin,

and Miss P.A. MacSwiney
The engagement is announced
between Christopher, eldest son of
Mr. Nicholas Walkinshaw, of
Sydmonton, Hampshire, and of
Mrs. Michael Marshall, of
Swaffham Prior, Cambridgeshire,
and Penelope, second daughter of
Major and Mrs Hugh MacSwiney,
of Oscroft, Cheshire.

Mr M.J. Wynne-Jones and Miss P. Thomson-Hall
The engagement is announced
between Mark, younger son of the
late Mr Derek Wynne-Jones and of Mrs Eithne Wynne-Jones, of Haywards Heath, Sussex, and Pamela, daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Thomson, of Wakefield, Yorkshire.

Marriages

Mr A.R.G. Scrimpson and Miss M.E. Strickland The marriage took place on Saruday, October 26, at Lord Thompson Manor, Thompson, Connecticut, USA, between Mr Alexander Scrimgeour and Miss. Michelle Strickland. A reception. and dinner followed.

Mr S.P. Sunderland and Ms U.E.E. Cradock The marriage took place quietly on Friday, October 25, in Salisbury, Wiltshire of Stephen Paul Sunderland, and Ursula Emma Elizabeth.

Dinners

Menties Scholary The High Commissioner for Austra-lia attended the annual dinner for na anterded the animal timber by past and present Menzies Scholars held last night at the Sir Robert Menzies Centre for Australian Stud-les, Russell Square,

Navel and Military Costs
General Sir Marrin Ferniale, Masser
Gunner of St James's Park, was the
guest of honour at the annual dimerof the Naval and Military Chub held last night at the club. Royal Institution of Chartered Mr Ken Hawley, President of the

rou rem riswiey, President of the Building Surveyors division of the Royal Institution of Charered Surveyors, presided at the annual dinner held last right at the Royal Lancasur Horel. Flytishers Club Mr Clarens Medit

Mr George Melly was the guest of honour at the centenary dinner of the Flytishers' Club held last night at the Savoy Hotel, Mr R.K.L Brown pre-sided. Luncheon

Moyal Society of St George To mark the Battle of Trafalgar and the Fleet Air Arm's victory at Taranto the Sussex branch of the Royal Society of St. George held their autumn luncheon yesterday at Christ's Hospital, Horsham. Lieutenant-Colonel Ralph Bury, chairman, presided Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo, President of the Fleet Air Arm Officers Association. man of the charter council of the

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BIRTHS

Cheltenham, to Melissa and Albert, a daughter, Theodom, pister for Matlem. CLARKE - On October 30th at The Portland Hospital, to Prunella (née Townsend-

Freen) and Peter, a son, larnaby George Oliver, a potter for Tabilia. ELWES - On October 29th 1996 at Grimsby Maternity Hospital, to Clare and Gervase, a son, Lawrence Valentine Dudley Arthur.

HOLBECH - On 28th October 1996, to Helen (née Tugbun) and Charles, a daughter, bereas Catheries. HOLMES - Jan and Nigel are proud to announce the birth of their son Harry Thomas born 24th October 1996. McDOWELL - On October 21st at The Portland Hospital, to Sarah (nee Eaphael) and

Makay - On October 29th, to Jennifer (née Bruce) and Mulcolm, a son, Fraser William, a co-driver for

BILLAR - On 24th October 1996, to Kate and James, a son, Ludovic Angus Danielson, a brother for

mouris - On 28th October at the Chelsen , and Westminster Hospital, to Veronica and Nick, a beautiful daughter, Georgia, a sister for Joshua. a ssker for josnal.

accholls - On October 18th
at The Royal Womens
Hospital, Sydney, to Eate
(née Barnes) and Eric, a
healthy son, Henry Charles,
a brother for James. picken on October 30th 1996, 4to Sophie (née Seddon) and Simon, a daughter, Angharad Etzabeth Alice, a sister for Natalie and Oliver.

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BELL-Phillip. On October 28th 1996, suddenly after a very short illness. Will be sadly missed by Ms loving wife Susan, daughters Nicola, Georgina, Joanna and their families, and loving sister. Susan, Teacher their Irinity (autrel, wallington 2:30 pm. Family flowers only. Enquiries for donations to WA. Truelove (0181) 647-1032.

CARTER - Jeffrey Aian, B.Sc (Imp. College), Mf Mich. Eng. Harvard Graduate. Died suddenly on 24th October in New Zealand aged 58 after a harve and hard frought battle against cancer. A former Director of GEC, Stanbope Gete. MD of GEC Transmission of GEC Stanbope Gete. MD of GEC Transmission Projects Ltd. Awasted the Unexamed to Industry for Export. MD of GEC New Zealand. MD of Bebcock Engineering Contractors Ltd. Babcock Woodsil-Duckham, Escock Africa Pty (South Africa). Until his death New Ventures Director, International Director of Deputy Managing Director of

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DRAKE - On October 31st, suddenly and peacefully, Eric Drahs KB, CBE, DL, aged 85 years. Beloved husband of Hampson, father of Anna, Felheity, John and William and devoted grandfather. Funeral Service for family and friends at 5 Historics Chumb, Cherthon on Tuesdoy 5th November at 12 noon. Family flowers only, but donastions, if desired, to RNLL clo jac. Steel & Son, Cheall House, Winchester, SC23 OBU. A Service of Thanks giving will be beth in Loudies at a Case to be announced.

suddenly Anthony Charles Frerett, LVO, ORE, DK, aged 61. Dearest husband of Friedlin and much loved father of Lulu, Tom, Henry, Andy and John and grandfather of Sophie and lock, Funcari at St Matthias, Church Road, Richmondupon-Thames on Wednesday 6th November at 2 pin. Memorial Service to be announced later. Family

GALE - (Previously Gleed-Hart) Elsa Lucis aged 84, peacefully on 27th October 1996 at Villa Maris Nursing Home, East Ewell, Surrey, after a long fight. Dearly loved mother of Bills and Angela and gazadimocher of Eupert, Rebecca and Hannah Cremation at Emofalis Fact Crematorium leathermed on Wednesday November 6th at 12:30 pm. Flowers to A & E Longhung Fruncral Directors, 21-23 Kingston Road, Ewell, Sonrey, or docustions to the Alzheimans Association.

A funeral service for Kate Alderson, northwest correspondent of *The Times*, who died in a car accident. was held vesterday at St Edmund's Church in her home town of Sedgefield. Co Durham. The mourners. led by her parents. George and Enid Alderson, her brothers Simon and Jason, and her partner Robin Mayes, included many friends and colleagues. A memorial service will be held in the new year at St Bride's, fleet Store.

Lecture St Antony's College. Ordord
Mr Mikhail Gorbachev gave a
lecture at the Sheldordan Theatre on
October 28, at the invitation of St
Antony's College. His speech on
"Russia between the Past and the
Future: a difficult path from totalitarianism to democracy" was followed
by a dinner in honour of Mr and Mrs
Gorbachev at the College. School news

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constitute on 17th October, suddenly while on holiday, aged 83, William Johnston DFC, former Director of Social Services, Lambeth Council, and Chief Welfare Officer of Middlesex & London County Council's, belowed husband of Alica and father of Angels, Ian and Roger. Funeral Service at Woodwale Grematorium, Brighton - 7th November, at 12.15 pin. Flowers to Cooper & Son, 42 High Street, Lewes BN7 2DD, 01273-475557. All (death; walcome at the service and afterwards at Lewes.

JOHNSON - Peacefully on October 29th 1996, Petrick Johnson MA, ORE, aged 92. Former Vice-freddent and Emeritus Fellow of Magdales College Orierd. As twicked, his body has been donated for medical research.

Sc.D. M.S.C. Eng. F.I. Mech. E., Sc.D. M.S.C. Eng. F.I. Mech. E., Prof. Emeritus of Kings. College. On October 30th at The Devonshire Nursing Home, Hasthourne, Much. loved husband, brother, uncle and great-uncle. Enguirles to Haims & Son Ltd., teb. (01323) 727801.

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St Andrew's Ball

The St Andrew's Ball will be held in London on Priday, November 29. There will be a pre-Ball session at Wandsworth Town Hall on Thursday, November 7. Ball tickets are £35. Dinner tickets E12 extra. from the Ball Secretary. The Garden House, Cheriton. Airesford. Hampshire SO24 OQQ. Tel 01962 771352, Fax 771667

Requiem Mass

The Duke of Bararia Requiem Mass for the Duke of Bararia was colebrated by Father Francis Davis last night at the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, the former Bavarian Chapel Royal, Warwick Street. Mr Thomas FizzPatrick, Principal Secretary of the Royal Stuart Society, read the lesson and Father Martin Edwards preached the sermon.

Mr Hubert Kos (representing the Grand Prior of England of the Sovereign Military Order of Malastrepresentatives of the Royal Stuart Society and the Clan Stewart Society and representatives of other organ-isations were among those present.

The Governors of Badminton School The Governars of Badminton School are pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Janet Scarrow as Headmistress of the girls' Independent boarding school in Bristol. Mrs Scarrow, who is currectly Deputy Headmistress of Stonar School, Witthin, will succeed Mr Clifford Good on his retirement in September 1997.

Redwinton School

Prior Park College, Bath
The Governors of Prior Park College
are pleased to announce that the new
Worldshound English and English English and Fielding gars reconstill be opened by the Deputy Mayor of Bath, Councillor Mrs Shella. Sheppard, on Friday, November I.

Receptions

HIM Gaverance:
Sir George Young, Secretary of State for Transport, was the host at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Lancaster House to mark the 4th meeting of the Singapora British Business Council Singapore British Business Council. Fruiterers' Company

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The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoresa,
accompanied by Mr Sheriff Keith
Knowles and Mrs Clive Martin,
received the Master of the Fruiterers'
Company, Mr Michael Tanguy, the
Wardens and members of the Livery
at the annual presentation of fruit at a Wardens and members to the Lovay at the annual presentation of fruit at a reception held at the Manston House yesterday. The fruit was later distributed to the sick and needy of the Ciry.

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Association of District Judges
The Lord Chancellor, the Lord Chief
Justice and the Master of the Rolls
attended a reception given by the
Council of Her Majesty's Circuit
Judges last night at Temple Hall to
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introduction of county courts by An
Act for the More Education Recovery of Small Debts 1846. Judges Smont sex or use more economical lescov-ery of Small Debts 1846. Judge Simon Pawcus, council president, and Dis-trict Judge Dick Greenslade, presi-dent of the association, welcomed the

Appointment

centenary celebrations for the Char-imed Insurance Insulant.

International Corporate

Identity Group The Autumn symposium/supper having the theme "Charities The Identity Revolution" took place on Wednesday, October 30 in the Wrench Room, Over-Sess Hutse, 5t James's London, The ICIG's Chairman. man, 'Dr John M.T. Balmer, presided Mr Peter Sampson, Chalr-man, MPL, Mr David Riddle, MPL Mr Ian Ventham, RNIJ and Mr E.V. Jenkins, McCann Erickson also spoke Mr David Bernstein, Honor-ary ICIG Vice-President, chaired the

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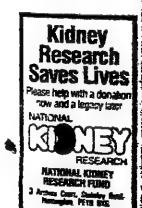
Mr Philip Ely to be a member of the Legal Aid Board for three years from November L.

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PRIESTMAN - Peacefully on 29th October, 1996 at her home in Gundle, Andrey F. Priestman, aged 87 years, the belowd wife of the bute Graham Friestman. Funezal Service will be held at St Peter's Church, Oundle on Woods iz, 6th November at 11 am, followed by interment. No flowers by request, but if desired, donations may be given to the Gardeners Royal Benevolant Society. c/o

Benevolent Society, co Barawell, nr. Oundle Felenborough PES SPS. STOPFORD - On 27th October 1996, peacefully at home in Bushey, Lady Marjorie Stopford, aged 92. Francral private. A service of thanksgiving will be held at St Peter's Church, Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire at 11am on Saturday 30th

Ilam on Saturday 30th Bowmber. Donations to The Rertfordshire Guide Association, Valley School, Valley Way, Stewange SG2 9AB. Enguiries to Nicholas Birch (0181) 950-3211. Birch (0181) 950-3211.

ATTHE Old Rectory, Ewhurst, on 31st October 1996, Devoted widow of Charles, beloved mother of Richard and Stewart and mother-dn-law of Bernadette. The funeral service takes place at Culfibroid Courseriana & 12 noon on Thursday 7th November 1996. All foreurs and enquiries please to Bobert Ayling Funeral Services, 25 South Road, Guildford, GU2 6NY, tel: (01483) 567333.

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MaoLEAM - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Eleaheth Marter M.A. will be held at Chester Cathedra on Friday 29th November 2 230 pm.

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MARCEL CARNÉ



Marcel Carné, French film director, died yesterday aged 90. He was born in Paris on August 18, 1906.

ne of the great exemplars of the studio style of French film-making which reached its apo-gee in the years before the Second World War, Marcel Carné nevertheless owes his place in cinema history to a film which was actually issued in 1945 — Les Enfants du Paradis. In harness with the poet and scriptwriter Jacques Prevert, with whom he did ail his best work; Carne in this film took the studio genre to its limits to create one of the undisputed masterpieces of French, or for that matter world

cinema. In the twin worlds of theatre and crime in the Paris of the 1840s, a mime (Jean-Louis Barrault) falls hopelessly in love with the clusive Garance (Arletty). With these principals as merely two among a galaxy of stars which included Pierre Brasseur, Marcel Herrand and Maria Casarès, Carne brilliantly evoked the texture of 19thcentury Parisian life, without his-

cameras cace straying onto the often summed up in the phrase streets. An act of theatre par "poetic realism", is ineradicable, excellence, the film sustained an . The son of a Paris cabinet maker, extraordinary balancing feat, up. Marcel Carné studied at the Ecole ashamedly melodramatic, teeter-ing on the brink of gross semiment d'Apprentissage du Meuble, but quickly came to realise that furniality, but always avoiding falling, ture was not his vocation. After a thanks to its wit and its ability to brief period as an insurance clerk. step outside itself and comment on

Carne was in his mid-thirties he had seached a peak never to be he had reached a peak never to be attained again. The dissolution of his partnership with Prevert had somethings do with this. Carnes visual, and Preverts verbal flair complemented each other to an estationalism degree. Yet the

break in was symptomatic.
The fightstic includramas of the 1980 and des Brandes and Las Jour season persons caught the mood of a nation deliting resignedly towards war. Les Enfants du Paradis, made during the German occupation, is in atmosphere of a piece with them. With the more buoyant atmosphere of postwar France, the moody pessimism of these films seemed no langer appropriate. Like Carné's theatre-dominated, artificial style it seemed to have had its day, The years after 1946 were those of the freewheeling cinema of the New Wave.

Thus Carné's and Préverts one post-Les Enfants release, Les Portes de la nuit (1946) was a hideously expensive flop. It was during the filming of La Fleur de l'Age in 1948 that the split with Prévert actually occurred. Although he continued to make films for the next twenty or so vears. Came was never again to be a force in the French cinema. His work was never less than technically accomplished but artistically there was a steady decline.

Yet for eight years or so he was a director of world standing; and his contribution to the art of the film,

he entered the film section of the the nature of the speciacle it creates. Ecole des Arts et Métiers, where he specialised in cinematography. An during its making and was at the attempt at working in an insurance height of his fame. But, though he could not at that moment know it, he managed to obtain his first job in films, as assistant photographer to Georges Perinal on Feyder's Les Nouveau Messieurs (Feyder also allowed him to work as assistant director, and to do the same on Richard Oswald's Cagliostro). Carné and a friend then scraped

together enough money to buy a

cine-camera and made a mediumlength lyrical documentary, Nogent, Eldorado du dimanche (1929), which achieved enthusiastic notice among cinéastes though it was no great commercial success. It was also in 1929 that Carné won a competition in Cinemagazine. This led to his doing regular work as a film critic on the magazine until 1933, when he started to contribute to Cinémonde, becoming also edi-tor of Hebdo-film.

After assisting René Clair on Sous les Toits de Paris in 1930 Carné joined forces again with Jacques Feyder for his next three films, Le Grand Jeu. Pension Mimosas and La Kermesse Hérolque. Feyder was impressed by the young man's potentialities, and so was his wife Françoise Rosay, so that when Feyder agreed to make a film in England for Korda, and therefore found himself unable to direct a film planned for him and Françoise Rosay, they both insisted that Carne should be given the chance to direct it instead. The result was Jenny. It was a great commercial success and proved, if

nothing else, that Carne was a

Frida Knight, musician,

writer and political

campaigner, died on

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Scene from Marcel Carné's Les Enfants du Paradis, 1945

thoroughly efficient director whom producers could safely employ. It was also his first film with Jacques

This collaboration was repeated on Carné's next film, Drôle de Drame, a delightfully lunatic Prévertian burlesque of a detective story with a classic cast, including Françoise Rosay, Michel Simon. Louis Jouvet (appearing at one point as a bishop disguised in a kilt). Jean-Louis Barrault and Jean-Pierre Aumont. There were also important contributions from the designer Alexander Trauner, and the composer, Maurice Jaubert,

who were to become part of Carne's production team.

The same writer, designer and composer worked on Quai des Brumes, which more than any other film helped to fix the conventional picture of the French film in the immediate prewar period. Its hero and heroine, memorably played by Jean Gabin and Michèle Morgan, enjoy a few hours of overshadowed happiness before being finally separated by an inexorable fate. The film created powerfully a claustrophobic and doom-laden atmosphere and a similar atmosphere was conjured up in Hôtel

du Nord (1938), although here, perhaps because of the temporary absence of Prevent from the production team, the lovers were ultimately allowed their escape.

At a time when fatalism seemed the height of realism, such a solution was judged superficial, but to some later critics this film, with its delicacy and tenderness, has seemed to be Carne's best. The trilogy was completed in 1939 with Le Jour se leve, in which Gabin. having killed his rival in love, barricades himself in his room as the police lay siege.

During the war Carné was one of

the few major directors to remain in France where, still in partnership with Prevert, he made two large-scale films, Les Visiteurs du Soir and his masterpiece Les Enfants du Paradis. These very expensive films took up similar themes to their prewar work in period settings: the fate that keeps lovers apart may be the devil, as in the medieval castle of Les Visiteurs du Soir, or the force of circumstance as in Les Enfants du Paradis. It may even be, as in Les Portes de la Nuit, their first postwar film, embodied in the form of a mysterious and symbolic character in a vaguely contemporary setting.

In 1949 Carné contracted to make a relatively small film, La Marie du Port, based on a novel by Simenon. A modest success, it was followed by an arty failure, Juliette ou la clé des songes, which was exquisitely photographed but foundered under a weight of symbolism. A period of uncertainty followed, until a tentative return with a rather academic version of Thérèse Raquin (1953), followed by an energetic boxing story, L'Air de Paris (1954), for which Gabin won the best actor's award at Cannes. There was then an agreeable light comedy with music, Le pays d'où je viens (1956), followed by a commercial success, Les Tricheurs (1958), which offered a frank and not unsympathetic picture of contemporary French youth.

His later films included another Simenon adaptation, the modish Trois Chambres à Manhattan (1965); Les Jeunes Loups (1968); and Les Assassins de L'Ordre (1971). In 1984, the year of his 75th birthday, the Cannes Film Festival was dedicated to him. It was a fitting tribute by the French film industry to one of its most distinguished veterans, and Carné made a popular personal appearance.



FRIDA KNIGHT

awarded a first-class degree there. Her father was Dean of Chapel at Trinity College.
Although Frida's own

schooling was curtailed at the age of 14, when she fell ill with a rare heart condition, she had shown an early love of music, learning to play the violin from the age of eight onwards, and it was this passion for music which she was always to maintain alongside a firm belief in the importance of social action.

Her political understanding was sharpened when she was sent to Italy to recuperate from her illness. There, witnessing the growth of Mussolini's power, she was alerted to the dangers of Fascism. Travelling onwards through Switzerland to Germany she studied music in Frankfurt before returning to Britain to take a

place at the Royal College of Music. After graduating she accepted an offer to teach music and drama to the unemployed in Manchester.

The Spanish Civil War, however, soon became the central issue which concerned the Left and hence the focus of Frida's energies. Cambridge friends, including the poet John Cornford, had joined the International Brigade to fight Fascism in Spain. She joined the Communist Party of Great Britain - and was to remain a member until 1991 when it was wound up - and organised committees in Hull and York to raise funds to support the

Republican Government. She leapt at the opportunity to experience the situation at first hand and in May 1937 set off for Spain in an ambulance, in a trip organised by the national joint committee for Spanish relief. She travelled via Barcelona to the town of Murcia, at that time crowded with refugees escaping the bombardment of the coast around Málaga. There she nelped to set up a children's hospital, before journeying on to Madrid where she worked in the Republican press office: translating and typing for

correspondents. In a broadcast for national radio she commented not only on the destruction of the city caused by incendiary bombs and shells, but also on the heroic attempts by the Republicans to preserve works of art. both secular and religious, pointing out that the feeling of the people was anti-clerical, not anti-religious. She also spoke in detail of a visit to the trenches where she was impressed by the resolve of the soldiers to continue literacy classes.

On her return to Britain, the Basque children's committee asked her to take over responsibility for raising funds to support the children who had come to Britain after the bombing of Guernica. This she did by taking small groups of children on concert tours to perform traditional Basque

songs and dances. After the final defeat of the

Republican cause, she was among the volunteers who helped the Spanish soldiers and members of the International Brigade who were being held in camps in France after fleeing across the border. Conditions were appalling. Many were dying on the open beaches, surrounded by barbed wire. Frida organised a ship which took several

thousand of these refugees to start a new life in Mexico. When the Germans broke through to occupy France, Frida was interned with other foreign women in a verminous barracks at Besancon, Several months later they were moved to Vittel, from where she managed to escape with a friend by crawling through a

hole in the wire of the outer fence at dawn. She eventually managed to return to England, via Marseilles, carrying a message for General de Gaulle hidden inside a cigarette. This led to a post working in London for the Free French for two years.
In 1944 Frida married

B. C. J. G. Knight, a microbiologist. But her activities at the grassroots of many campaigns continued. She was particularly interested in CND. She also wrote a number of books including an autobiographical account of her escape from France, a study of the French Resistance, biographies of Beethoven and of the 18th-century radical, William Frend, and an account of Cambridge music from the Middle Ages onwards. She also wrote numerous articles for the Communist Morning Star.

In 1992, after communism seemed to collapse throughout the world, she travelled to Cuba to attend the Havana May Day celebra-tions. After this her activities widened to include the chairmanship of the Cambridge-Cuba solidarity campaign. Until the end of her life, visitors from all over the world beat their way to Frida Knight's door in Cambridge.

Her husband predeceased her in 1981. They had two sons and two daughters.

KENNETH SWISS



Kenneth Swiss, former president of the British Dental Association, died on October 10 aged 84. He was born on March 18 1012

KNOWN for his qualities of conscientiousness, wisdom and fairness, Kenneth Swiss combined a flourishing practice as a dentist with a firm commitment to dental politics. He served from 1975 until 1981 as chairman of the board of the British Dental Association. A few months earlier, his elder brother, Sir Rodney Swiss, had become presiden of the General Dental Council and thus, uniquely, for the next four years, it was to be two brothers who held the highest offices in the dental profession

Both brothers excelled in their posts and Kenneth Swiss, in recognition of his services, was in 1982, at the age of 70, honoured with the presidency of the British Dental Association.

Kenneth Gordon Swiss was educated first at Plymouth College, then at Dean Close School, Cheltenham, and finally at Probus School in Cornwall. In what was to prove something of a family tradition, he followed his elder brother to Guy's Hospital in 1930 where he studied dentistry. After qualifying in 1934, he decided to join the RAF dental branch.

Kenneth Swiss worked as a dentist for a year in Britain before he was posted in 1936 to Habbaniyah in Iraq, where one of the tasks of the RAF station was to help to protect the oil pipelines. Swiss was to remain there in Iraq for three years before returning to England.

With the outbreak of the Second World War, Swiss found himself with a number of wartime postings. These included that of Senior Dental Officer at RAF Cranwell and, later, at the Air Ministry. By the end of the war. Swiss had been promoted to the rank of wing commander.

However, though he was offered a permanent commission by the RAF, Swiss decided to decline this offer, deciding instead to set up his own dental practice in Epsom where his wife Jean, whom he had married in 1940, had already established a flourishing ballet school.

He soon entered dental politics, being convinced of the importance of a strong and ethical professional association to preserve both the interests of its members and to encourage the provision of good professional practice.

By 1954 he had been elected a member of the representative board of the British Dental Association, and appointment to its council and to the chairmanship of its membership and ethics committee soon followed. In 1975 he succeeded Robert Hunt as chairman of the board, a position which he was to hold for six years.

From 1969 to 1986 he also served as chairman of the British Dental Association's benevolent fund. It was largely due to his efforts that those dentists and their dependants who needed help received financial assistance.

Swiss retired in 1982 and returned to Devon, living at Newton Ferrers. In spite of his strong professional commitments he was essentially a He is survived by his wife,

Jean, and by their son who is also a dental surgeon.

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HUNTERS MEET IN BERLIN From a Hunting Correspondent
The opening on St. Hubert's day, November 3.

of the International Game Exhibition in Berlin will see a great meeting of those interested in want from all parts of the world. We have no single expression with the same meaning as the word "lagd" in German — Shikar is not English and "blood sport" sounds ugly. But the German word. "Jagd" means much — almost as much as the word "sport" means to an Englishman; for gatherings in Germany has an appeal to all those interested in game, more particularly to Englishmen. The Conseil international de la Chasse has

men. The Consell International de la Chasse has chosen Berlin for its meet; Germany, thorough in everything has, under the leadership of General Göring, staged the exhibition.

The British Empire has probably a greater variety of game, big and small, than any other commonwealth. Quite apart from the Englishman's claim to a good position in the sporting world, the pursuit of game is a valuable national asset. Even term in our little island, emuse moors. asset. Even here in our little island, grouse moors, pheasant coverts, and deer forests have a value appreciated by foreigners, while our forhunting is unique. In East Africa and in India game has an even preater material worth, and because of these values the Foreign Office and the Department of Overseas Trade have given a substantial blessing to the British side of the Berlin exhibition. Five months is a short time in which to trace and

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The International Game Exhibition held in Berlin was opened by Hermann Göring, Reich Master Hunter.

collect the best trophies from a wide Empire; ye in this period it has been possible for Mr Eric Parker, Editor in Chief of the Field, with the help of Mr Frank Wallace, of the Shikar Club, to get together over 300 representative trophics of big

Heads form the principal features of the British exhibits. The British Empire exhibitors are not entering into compedition for awards, yet a good entering into competition for awards, yet a good trophy means much to a man. Why should captain H.C. Brocklehurst travel at personal risk to Central China to shoot the record giant panda? Or Major Bayley Worthington return to Central China to see again and to shoot a Thian Shan ibest that he saw a year before? Whether it be in clubs, messes or private houses, wherever English sportsmen make their homes, trophies furnish the walls from foxes' masks to giant heads like those of buffalo, kudu, wapin, or ovis Poli. The Brinsh exhibit shows heads collected by our most enthusiastic shots, from the King to a subaltern in the Army. To gain a record is of course the ambition of most shikaris: but record hunting is not the sole object of most sportsmen, who keep their trophies to recall happy days of hardship

and successful adventure.

Guns and fishing tackle, in the making of which British craftsmen claim a high place, will be well represented at the exhibition. There will be prints and photographs illustrating pigsticking, fox-hunting and small-game shooting within the Empire. Sporting art will have a special place. In recent years the photography rather than the slaughter of wild animals has become the fashion. This hobby will be well illustrated at the

The last game exhibition on a similar scale was held in Vienna in 1910. The present one promises to excel it. The main feature of the exhibition will be the opportunities given to sportsmen duroughout the world to meet and discuss matters which to them are of absorbing interest. Sport is one of the greatest international bonds, and whatever their political views, those going to Berlin will be of one brotherhood. Jaeger sein, heisst Kamerad sein; they will appreciate German hospitality in a land where these are seen of the least of the land where there are some of the keenest ah karis in the world, and where sportsmen still greet one another with "Waid-mannsheil!" -

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School shut after attacks on teachers

The troubled Ridings School in Halifax was closed after a French mistress was sexually molested by pupils and two male teachers were assaulted. It was the second school to be shut this week because of unruly pupils.

The closure of the Ridings, where teachers have voted unanimously to strike unless 61 pupils are expelled, came 24 hours after inspectors had told the Education Secretary that the school was at risk of getting out of control Pages 1, 19, 38

Police win Hillsborough appeal

Four police officers who suffered mental trauma after the Hillsborough stadium disaster in 1989 won their fight for compensation. In a landmark judgment, the Court of Appeal ruled that they had been exposed by the negligence of South Yorkshire Police to "excessively horrific events" Page 1

Moral lead for Labour United in grief

Labour has taken a clear lead over the Conservatives in the new battle for the moral high ground in politics, according to a MORI Pages 1. 11. 21

Danes bar Rushdie

The Danish Government has told Salman Rushdie that he cannot attend an awards ceremony in Copenhagen......Pages I. 21 Healey attacks Brown

Lord Healey, Labour's last Chancellor of the Exchequer, accused Gordon Brown of having "no government experience whatsoever" and criticised his caution on tax and spending.....

Major's sore point The teacher who caned John Ma-

jor said that he could not understand the Prime Minister's opposition to corporal punishment because it had done him good

Millennium dome

The centrepiece of the Millennium Festival in Greenwich is to be a "thundering great dome". large enough to enclose Trafalgar Square and all the surrounding

Family raps newsman The newscaster Jon Snow was

accused by his brothers of taking "pitiless" revenge on their mother by blaming her in a book for his difficulty in forming close ...Page 7

The wife and girlfriend of Matthew Harding, the late vice-chairman of Chelsea Football Club, met for the first time at his funeral. Among the mourners was John Prescott, the deputy

Tapping evidence

The Government is considering allowing information gathered by phone tapping to be used as evidence in courts to stop terrorism and organised crime Page 9

Tutsis capture town Tutsi rebels and Rwandan troops captured one of Zaire's provincial capitals and were close to overrunning a second, raising fears of

nationwide uprisings...... Page 12 French euro ploy

An accounting ploy by France to ensure it meets the Maastricht criteria for a single currency has been accepted by the European Commission Page 13

Hebron takeover

Militant Jewish settlers in Hebron announced plans to occupy more than 20 houses in the Arabpopulated central market area when an Israeli withdrawai from the city is agreedPage 16

Taleban loses ground Heavy fighting erupted across an eight-mile front north of Kabul as forces loyal to the former Afghan Government beat back a Taleban

Church sings praises of dancing

Churchgoers are invited to "do the Holy Hokey" and dance in the aisles by a new Church of England songbook. The book is aimed mainly at children, but it is hoped that adults will also let their hair down and help to introduce youngsters to the brighter side of religion. Titles include Prayer is Like a



Class war, the Ridings School in Halifax was closed yesterday after three further assaults on teachers. Report, page 1

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Brought to a halt: Fidelity Brokerage, the British stockbroking arm of the world's largest fund manager, was told to cease recruiting new clients until January by a City watchdogPage 25

Power: The electricity industry will today face an overwhelming demand from retailers to end what they call arbitrary and unregulated charges on bills Loorho: The conglomerate took a

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its Metropole Hotel chain toPage 25 Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 15.2 points to close at 3979.1. Sterling's trade-weighted index remained unchanged at 90.2 after a fall from

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money will be similar to this year's

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Cricket: Alan Smith, the face and voice of English cricket administration during the past decade, left his office at Lord's for the last time.... Page 41

Sports academy: The Department of National Heritage said that 25 bids had been received for a national sports academy. The winner is expected to be announced in Page 28 | January .. Page 48 Dramatic duo: Contrasting productions of Samuel Beckett's Happy Days open in London and Paris, while Ovid gets a jokey updating in a new version of The Metamorphoses in LondonPage 35

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High notes: Riccardo Chailly delivers a stunning performance of Mahler's 10th Symphony with the London Symphony Orchestra at the BarbicanPage 35

Pop books: Tales of excess: several new titles lift the lid on life in a rock Page 36

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The European Union, with its tra-

ditional foreign policy divisions, is an awkward player in the Middle East peace process. From the economic standpoint it is a giant; and its contribution to the process is immense. Yet from the political point of view, the EU continues to be a dwarf

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Preview: a new hospital drama. focused on a group of studen: nurses, begins tonight. Staying Alive (TTV, 9.30pm) Review: Matthew Bond welcomes Oliver Sacks's series about disorders of _ Page 47 the mind

Corks on a choppy sea If there is one pattern discernible from the past four years of this Administration, it is that each small sign of political recovery is rapidl)

Clinton and Capitol Hill

Not only would the interests of the American people be served by divided political spoils, that outcome would bring a more constructive four years for President Clinton ___Page 21

Copenhagen cowardice The Danish Government revealed that its tough words will remain merely words in Salman Rushdie's

TIM CONGDON

In terms of policy instruments, interest rates should be raised. The increase in base rates from 5.75 to 5 per cent was a move in the right direction - but too small to after the macroeconomic environment in a fundamental way Page 20 BERNARD LEVIN

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Talk of family values can misfire when it gets muddled with religion and vague moral statements which are either unachievable or raise fears of government interference in private lives Page 11

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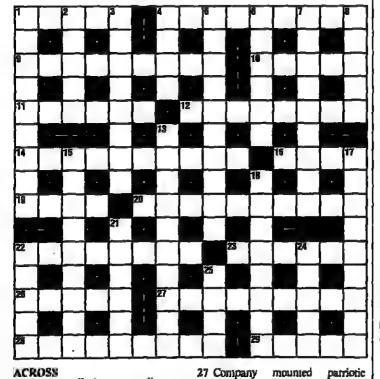
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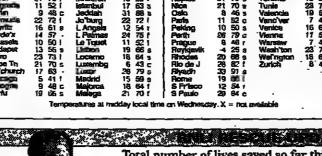
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Retailers demand inquiry into soaring meter charges

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE ELECTRICITY industry will today face a demand from retailers to end what they call arbitrary and unregulated charges

on commercial power bills.

The British Retail Consortium, which represents 90 per cent of stores in the country, is to call for an immediate investigation of charges imposed by the electricity pool — the trading mechanism on meters used by industrial electricity users to enable them to shop around for their power. The call comes after talks between the trade grouping and the

Department of Trade and Industry. The group is to ask the electricity regulator to tervene as fresh indications emerge of a growing protest among business users about the way their electricity bills are made

The consortium said it "joins J Sainsbury, Royal Mail, Northern Electric and other businesses" in demanding an inquiry into the charges on meters, which have more than tripled since large power users were able to buy power competitively two years ago. Sainsbury sparked a revolt among business users in the summer when it refused to pay part of its electricity bill to demonstrate against the jump in the

metering cost. Other retailers and industrial users followed suit. Northern Electric, which as a supplier of electricity must itemise the charge on its bills, weighed into the argument in a company newsletter when it said a further rise in the charge

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would be unacceptable.
Royal Mail declined to comment yesterday although it is believed to have been active in campaigning against the charge. This year the charge rose from £299 to £565 per meter. James May. Director-General of the Retail Consortium, said the protest was important because the electricity pool was acting in a

non-transparent, unaccountable manner. He said: "These annual charges have

Some of the amount ensures that businesses can buy electricity from any supplier, which we welcome. However, a significant percentage of the charge contains a substantial levy for money under recovery. The underrecovery is to recoup previous years' losses incurred by the electricity industry as a its own mistakes and

ian Taylor, energy manager Sainsbury, said that a recent suggestion by the electricity pool to freeze the charge was welcome but was "only the first move". He said: "We are concerned that there is too little accountability in electricity as full

sumer representation on the pool. We need far more openness in the industry."

Bob Speares, of the Utilities Buvers Forum, said: "The UBF has taken a stand on these charges and appreciates that the pool executive committee is now recognising customers' concerns."

A spokesman for the electricity pool said: The pool's charge on suppliers pays the actual costs of operating the 100kWh competitive market with customers gaining significant and sustained price reductions since the market's introduction in 1994."

Lonrho sells

Metropole

LONRHO took a major step towards the break-up of the

company yesterday with the

Metropole Hotel chain to

value of £480 million, is

launching a £222 million +for-

7 rights issue at 82p a share to

In an unusual move

Schroders, which underwrote

the issue, put about one third

of the total issue out to tender

at commission rates below the

standard 1.5 per cent rate.

The bank said last night

that it had succeeded in ten-

dering 28 per cent of the total

issue at reduced commission

ites, saving Stakis £400,000.

The acquisition of the five

Metropole hotels will raise

room and conference capacity

in Stakis's 55 hotels by about 25

per cent and increase the

company's exposure to the

booming London hotel market.

tive, said the company aimed

to improve occupancy levels at

the Metropole chain by about 10 per cent and would make

"substantial" savings through

David Michel, chief execu-

Stakis, the leisure group. Stakis, which has a market

part-fund the deal.

Metropole's head office. Stakis

said the deal would enhance

generate net proceeds of £316 million and a further £63 mil-

lion in lieu of dividends and tax relief, reducing the compa-

The company added that it

hoped to announce the sale of

its Princess hotel chain within

the next few weeks. Prince al-Waleed bin Talal, the Saudi

billionaire, is believed to be

adversely affected by a devalu-

ation in some of its major

trading currencies and by a fall

in the price of precious metals.

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frontrunner for the chain.

end of the year.

earnings in the first year. Lonrho said the deal would

ny's debt to £517 million.

Fidelity hit by ban on new clients

BY ROBERT MOLER

FIDELITY Brokerage, the UK retail stockbroking arm of the world's largest fund ordered to cease recruiting new clients until Japuary by a senior City watchdog.

The highly unusual action

by the Securities and Futures Authority, regulator for brotaken after Fidelity, which has 30,000 private clients, failed to resolve "operational difficulties resulting from converting to a new computer system and

The SFA formally stepped in after receiving complaints from clients. The watchdog, headed by Nick Durlacher, told Fidelity that it "will beclosely monitoring progress towards the full resolution of these problems by the end of January 1997.**

The regulator added: "Should they not have been resolved, the SFA will take further steps as it considers necessary in the interests of investors." The watchdog, which has the power to take disciplinary action if it is not satisfied with the way in which Fidelity tackles its problems, said it would also ensure that customers who had suffered losses "are adequately compensated".

Some Fidelity Brokerage customers have already received compensation for loss of interest after items such as dividend cheques were not credited to the proper accounts on time. Fidelity, part of the world's largest fund management group which looks after nearly £260 billion and is owned by the American family of Edward C Johnson III, said last night that it would offer "compensation on an ex-gratia basis to any existing customer who has suffered loss as a direct consequence of its com-

Energy Minister, will today

assume duties as part-time

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He will spend more than

company that gets much of its work from the energy

half a working week at the

helm of MW Kellogg, while continuing to meet parliamen-

tary obligations. Mr Eggar joins the company, whose major clients include Shell, BP, Esso, Texaco and Fina.

Fidelity first announced in operational difficulties in bed system. These resulted in "accounting, and reconcilia-tion problems and a number of customer complaints". They proved so difficult to overcome firm voluntarily ceased adver-

tising for new business. Phil West, marketing manager at Fidelity Brokerage, said: "We tested the system exhaustively. But when we went live we became aware of software bugs. The tasks that should have been carried out automatically by the back-office, such as ensuring that dividend cheques arrived at the right piace or in the proper account on time, was not happening. We have had to over-

ride the computer system and carry out the tasks manually." Mr West added: "We have lost about 200 clients and obviously that is a matter of great regret to us."

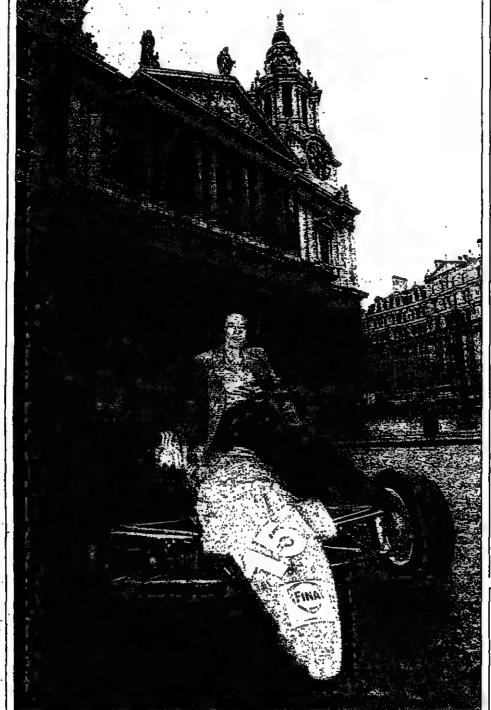
Terry Chapman, chairman of TCA Synergo, a specialist software service company that supplied the Tarot settlement system to Fidelity, denied that his firm was to blame. He said: "There were some initial teething problems but these were well within normal limits. The Tarot system is not the prime cause of the difficul-ties." He added that a number of other retail broking firms had installed his company's computer system, including Barclays Stockbrokers last

week, and that these had not experienced similar problems. The SFA action is a deep which has sought to build a world-wide reputation based on prudent fund management on behalf of individuals and institutions such as pension funds.

Eggar applies his

next election.

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Nicola Foulston will be one of the youngest to steer a listed company in the UK

Brands Hatch worth £34m

By Fraser Nelson

BRANDS HATCH Leisure. the motor racing circuit own-er, will be valued at £34.2 million when it joins the stock market next month. The flotation will raise £9.3 million to fuel its shift away from motor racing and towards corporate

entertainment. The company, which also owns the circuits at Oulten Park, Snetterton and Cadwell Park, plans to develop its four sites into all-round leisure complexes. It plans to spend

£5 million over the next two years, refurbishing the grand-stands and building two conference centres.

Nicola Foulston, chief executive, hopes to cut the company's dependency on motor racing to just 20 per cent of sales. The group expects to make pre-tax profits of £2.47 million (£1.14 million) in the year to December 31. The company's first flota-

dustries for E5.25 million in 1986. His estate passed into a family trust, and Ms Foulston became chief excutive at the age of 24, on an annual salary of £20,000. Now 29, she will leaders of a UK-listed com-pany and will receive in excess of £150.000 a year. tion plans were shelved in 1987, when John Foulston,

Nicola's father, died in a

motoring accident. He bought

the company from BAT In-

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British Bus deal referred to MMC

BY KEITH RODGERS

THE £282 million takeover of British Bus by Cowie Group. the motor and bus company. has been referred to the Mo-nopolies and Mergers Commission because of government concerns about the effect on competition in the South East. John Taylor, corporate and consumer affairs Minister, highlighted worries about competition in south London and parts of Surrey and Kent, where part of Cowie's existing operations overlap with British Bus. Cowie, which completed the acquisition in August and has subsequently taken over North East Bus, is now the second-biggest UK operator

with 18 cent of the market.

Cowie Group said it believed

the major concern was that the acquisition gave it 26.4 per cent of the London tendered routes, above the preferred maximum of 25 per cent. It has aiready rationalised the services to 25.4 per cent since the takeover and said it was prepared to co-operate with the MMC to move below the threshold. Its options include disposal of individual routes and possible route swaps with other operators.

The company added that the referral concerns a small proportion of its operations and claimed the structure of the local services does not operate against the public interest.

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Oil record

The Lonrho board has High oil prices combined with started discussions on the a rise in crude production final stage of the break-up boosted Britain's oil and gas plan - separation of the revenues to a six year high in from the rump mining businesses. A detailed announcefrom low refining margins. ment is expected around the Page 32. Shell results 27. Tempus 28 The company also said yes-terday that profits had been

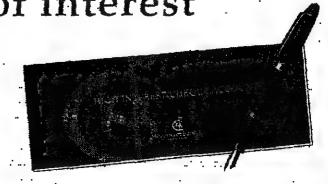
Body Shop up

Body Shop raised profits 30 per cent in the first half despite a poor performance in America. A rise in Asian sales

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just over three months after quitting his position in the Covernment, narrowly meeting the guidelines laid down by the Advisory Committee on business appointments.

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energy to new job By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT TIM EGGAR, the former logg said that the company's dealings with Mr Eggar while he served at the Department of Trade and Industry were "minimal" although as minister he would have bumped into" people from Kellogg from time to time. The company would not comment on his salary although it is expected to be a substantial sixfigure sum. He could take on full-time work once he leaves the House of Commons at the Mr Eggar's brief for the Houston-based company is to give strategic guidance for all energy and process-related matters. He led energy policy

Eggar: part-time chairman

THE THAP TOTTER MENUTATION

By Marianne Curphey

LLOYD'S of London has officially begun a regula-tory review before an expected wide-ranging shake up of City regula-

led by Sir Alan Hard-castle chairman of Lloyd's Regulatory Board. The board, which acts as an external regulator, will put forward proposals for change in the market so that Lloyd's has significant input into any regulatory amendments drawn up

under a private Act of Parliament Lloyd's Act 1982 and is largely exempt from the provisions of the Financial Services Act 1986. Lloyd's market. . .is very different from the market of the past and it will continue to change. This review...will recommend how our regulatory arrangements should be developed. It is imperative to ensure that the sharp les-sons of the past have been

properly learnt."
The review group is inviting written submissions and plans to report to the Council of Lloyd's before the middle of 1997.



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The review group will be

after the general election. Lloyd's is regulated Sir Alan said: "The

the blow at Pilkington al charge of £7 million arising from the sale of the Barnes-Hind contact lens business, the last part of the Visioncare

Roger Leverton, left, and Sir Nigel Rudd, chairman of Pilkington, reflect on a much lower £75 million halfway profit

US car pick-up softens

car industry in North America helped Pilkington, the glass company, partially offset the impact of difficult market conditions in Europe.

Pre-tax profits fell to £75 million from £104 million after division to be sold. Roger Leverton, chief executive, said group results were "a little disappointing," adding: "We have seen improvements and these figures reflect a temporary setback in some exceptional items in the six months to the end of Septemelements of our business." ber, in line with market expec-

Difficulties in the building products markets in Europe knocked the biggest hole in first half performance. Operating profits in this area, which accounts for around 39

per cent of group turnover, fell 42 per cent to £52 million. while in South America there was a profit improvement in Argentina and Chile. Profits in the automotive Pilkington points to the rapid fall in the clear float

glass price seen from the second half of last year. In products division, which sup-Europe, prices fell 12 per cent while Germany, especially plies glass to manufacturers such as Ford, General Motors hard hit by severe winter weather which stopped conand Fiat, nearly doubled to £54 million, with sales ahead struction, saw prices crash by

27 per cent to £692 million. Volumes were particularly strong in North America, helped by record levels of car 25 per cent. The impact of these price fails was softened by more stable conditions in related production, while in Europe sales doubled, reflecting the contribution of the Italian markets, such as the supply of float glass for double glazing units. Demand in North glassmaker SIV.

Looking ahead to the year end Sir Nigel Rudd, chairman, said he expected to see "an improving trend in the second half". Both prices and volumes have strengthened in Europe he noted and businesses in North and South American are expected to continue their strong run.

Analysts are expecting full year profits of around £190 million, with a dividend of

Tempus, page 28 mance are needed.

Labour holds fire on board policy

THE Labour Party appeared to stand back from encouraging companies to have two-tier boards of directors ahead of a predictably hostile report from the Confederation of British

Stuart Bell, Shadow Minister for Corporate Affairs, said Labour's policy was to change the ethos of companies to make them more "inclusive", but that legal prescription was not the best way. Mr Bell said Labour had raised the possibility of legislating for an optional two-tier structure but was aware of the CBI view and would study

the report carefully.
In Boards Without Tiers, the CBI strongly opposes representatives of anyone except the whole body of shareholders sharing in the governance of companies. It opposes a two-tier structure bacause it could be an excuse for other stakeholders to infiltrate the upper-tier supervisory board. That would revive lears of the CBI's long-standing bugbear:

workers on the board.
Martin Broughton, chief executive of BAT Industries and chairman of the CBI's company committee, said: "Putting the interests of shareholders first should continue to be the goal for boards of directors and the measure against which they are held to account."

The report argues against forcing managers to balance the interests of different stakeholders. Imposing wider responsi-bilities "would be to move from a position where directors may be held accountable, and in which their duties are clear, to a position where their duties are unclear and they might not in reality be accountable to anyone

for anything". The CBI praises the present unitary, non-representative, board with non-executive directors, on the pattern recom-mended by the Cadbury committee on financial aspects of corporate governance. But it suggests that non-executive directors might have lighter legal responsibilities. The report is the CBI's

contribution to the Hampel committee, which is looking at how the Cadbury code is working and whether further changes in corporate gover-

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OFT warning starts Vodafone changes

VODAPONE became the first company to yield to the threat of legal action from John Bridgeman, head of the Office of Fair Trading, by ending stipulations in phone contracts judged to transgress fair trading laws. The mobile phone network company, which owns four major providers of mobile phone services, has agreed to drop the disconnection charge of £50 plus VAT: to cut the requirement for users to give 90 days notice of termination of contracts to one month; to curb wide-ranging rights to increase prices; and to allow customers to withdraw from contracts if the price climbs too high.

Mr Bridgeman had warned nine companies that they faced legal action if they did not amend controversial contracts that have been the focus of campaigning by consumer groups. Yesterday he said Vodafone "has considerably improved the contracts overall. Other companies have yet to meet the conditions. But the competitive nature of the market is expected to bring similar concessions across the industry.

Irish bosses back EMU

COMPANY directors in the Irish Republic strongly support full participation in the European Monetary Union, according to a survey released yesterday by the Institute of Directors in Ireland. It found that 91 per cent of respondents wanted the Republic to be in the first group to join the single currency. Asked what Ireland should do if Britain remains outside EMU, 87 per cent said the Republic should press ahead. Most directors felt EMU would be good for the economy and their businesses. But over 70 per cent admitted they had not considered the issue in any great depth.

Help for Telekom rivals

THE European Commission is expected to attach further conditions to Deutsche Telekom's plans to grant price discounts to big customers, EU sources said yesterday. The move is to ensure that business rivals can compete effectively with Telekom in Germany. Although the conditions will further dent Telekom's dominant position in the German market, they are not expected to upset its stock market flotation on November 18. The Commission's decision will allow it to proceed with discounts of up to 35 per cent to large business clients from today.

Conoco record attempt

CONOCO, the American oil company, has commissioned a new drilling vessel capable of drilling wells in water depths greater than ever before achieved. The \$200 million drillship will be able to operate in depths up to 10,000 ft, using satellite positioning technology. Conoco will build the ship in joint venture with Reading & Bates, the drilling company, as part of a \$400 million five-year drilling programme in the Gulf of Mexico. Conoco said that the vessel would be capable of going beyond the recent record depth set by Shell at 7,600 ft in the Gulf of Mexico.

US deal for Memory

MEMORY CORPORATION, the troubled AIM-issted microchip repairer, embarked on the first stage of its recovery plan yesterday by agreeing to license its technology to a US electronics company. The deal marks the company's first move into technology licensing, where previously it only sold the repaired chips that its devices produce. It was forced out of this market earlier in the year, when the average price of perfect chips plunged from \$400 to \$70. Memory Corporations shares rose 10p yesterday, closing at 65p. They traded at 553½ plast year, and fell as low as 22½ p in September.

Price war puts Stena into red STENA LINE, the Swedish pared with a profit of SKr272 tive market being eroded by e price war. Although Channel passenferry operator, was dragged million in the corresponding period last year. The company into the red in the first nine months of 1996 by the fierce expects losses of SKr450 million for the year as a whole,

price war raging between cross-Channel ferry com-panies and Eurotunnel (Noel Fung writes).

BY CLARE STEWART

DEMAND from the booming

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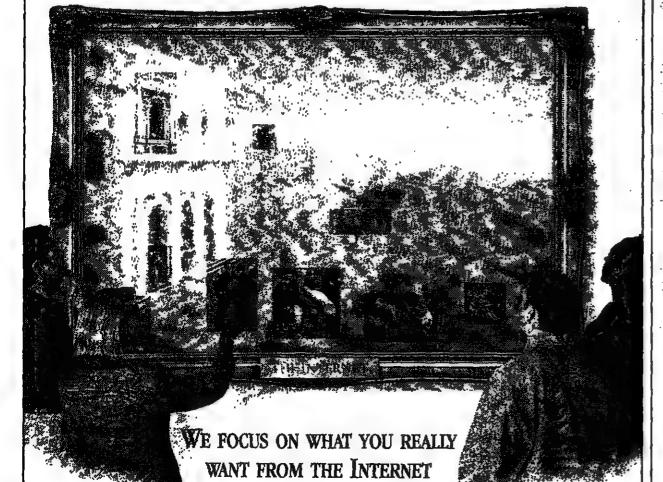
million (£23.46 million), com-

compared with profits of SKr201 million last year. Stena Line derived 25 per

It dipped to a loss of SKr251

cent of its turnover from the Dover-Calais route, a lucra-

ger numbers rose 12 per cent to 8.9 million and vehicle numbers went up 14 per cent to 1.7 million, the price war are into profit margins. Overall sales fell 6.5 per cent to



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☐ A cheaper way of raising cash? ☐ Work piles up at the MMC ☐ Computer chaos at Fidelity

Blunting the Damoclean sword

iittle experiment yesterday. One of our more go-ahead merchant banks decided to see if, as enemies of the existing system of continuous them. cash-raising have insisted, there is an appetite for a cheaper method. To put it more bluntly, cash call arranged by Schroders for Stakis to fund the Metropole has the City been overcharging deal was along traditional lines. This is of more than hypothetical interest because of the Damo-Schröders gets 0.5 per cent as an underwriting commission, Mer-rill Lynch 0.25 per cent as the clean sword that has been hanging over the City in the form of a reference of fees and broker that arranges the immediate sub-underwriting with institutions. These last take 15 commissions to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The Office of Fair Trading has been looking at this since March last year and has sought the views of the finance directors of our 250 per cent to cover the six weeks they will be at risk, the period during which Stakis shares can fall out of bed before they go to

existing investors. The other third of the issue those institutions had to tender for. The lower the rate of fee they were prepared to accept, the more shares they got, subject to a sensible maximum. The average from big international invest-ment banks that can expect to benefit from the introduction of rate this produced was then applied to the other fees on the deal. If institutions were prepared to cut their rates to take on the same risk, the experiment

In the event institutions were prepared to trim their rates, but not by much. Stakis will pay £400,000 less in fees than it would under the old system, but potentially it could have saved

So whither now? The Schroders innovation, a limited one, could be extended further, say by having the entire rights issue subject to the same tendering process to produce the lowest possible rate of fees. As an alternative, the Stakis rights provided a cap; institutions could not bid for extra stock at a higher commission than the 1.5 per cent they were already getting. Take an especially risky rights issue, of a company whose future might be in doubt, or in a dicey market. Remove the cap. Force

Rules of Monopoly need changing

fees higher, to reflect the precise

risk, rather than having the issue

□ WHAT is the strange allure that takeovers involving bus companies exert on the Monopolies and Mergers Commission? The MMC was already looking at two such deals when a third, Cowie's purchase of British Bus, was flipped to it on the advice of the Office of Fair Trading.



The answer is that competition authorities are required to look at any situation that might create an unhealthy concentration of market power or a monopoly. Without wishing to prejudge any of the deals under consideration, mergers between bus companies or their purchase of railways are generally designed to bring about just that.

But the arrival at the MMC of yet another deal stretches an already strained workload. The Commission is also considering two companies thrown to it by exasperated regulators, British Gas TransCo and Northern Ireland Electricity. There are debates over Scottish milk, Kent water, and a look at the activities

of Scottish estate agents and solicitors that one can only hope ends badly for both parties. There is the long inquiry into electrical goods, which by the time it ends will have clocked up a full year on the meter.

It could shortly get much

busier. Forget rights issues. Within days the OFT will hand over its views on the Bass/-Carlsberg Tetley merger. The odds, initially in favour of the deal going through, are tilting towards an MMC reference. There will soon be a ruling on Booker's purchase of Nurdin & Peacock, and the delay so far does not suggest that all has been plain sailing. Busier still, if some of the

expected rush of pre-election bids such as this week's for Northern Electricity have to be referred. These inquiries are such long-winded affairs because every business that could conceivably be affected, and every pipsqueak trade body, has to be given time to grind its respective axe. This is all commendably fair and British, but the eventual findings

that emerge do not always justify

the time taken, or the delays imposed on those parties involved who just want to get on with business.

A bad workman blames his tools

☐ THE dawning of the information age has provided many benefits to mankind, not the least being the perfect electronic scapegoat in another time, it might have been witches or pixies, now it is the computer systems and their uncontrollable fits of rage that get the blame. The latest riot in cyberspace took place at Fidelity Brokerage Services, where one of the most embarrassing foul-ups by any stockbroker in years is blamed on our old friend "operational difficulties resulting from converting to a new computer system". That and increased volume of business; we're vic-

tims of our own success, you see. The first is exactly the same excuse being peddled a few weeks ago by British Gas, as it sent the bailiffs around to blame-

less customers. There are two lessons to be learned from computers. They do not go wrong of their own accord, they have to be rendered inoperable by human hand. The second is that any new system will indeed be rendered inoperable, and for longer than anyone could have predicted, so test them first, do not test them on your customers.

Fidelity is being forced to shut up shop for three months to deal with the relatively light task of ensuring this summer's PEP statements to clients are correct and clearing up 85 outstanding complaints. There was some tosh being talked about it being the company's choice, but clearly the SFA has acted firmly and de-cisively. Good thing too.

Q&A session

□ OUOTE of the week comes from the National Association of Pension Funds, on future pension liabilities across the EC: "We don't have answers because we don't know what questions to ask." True, but start with these three and see how they simplify matters. How much money is short? Who will have to find it? And now for a multiple choice: will the average Briton be a) better off, or b) worse off as a result of being in EMU when the final bill has to be paid?

shake-up proposal

NEARLY half the value of rest of the US business as well shares in Wace, which produces pre-publication images for advertising agencies and after the company announced a big restructuring which will send it into losses.

The shake-up is the second implemented by Trevor Grice. who took over as chief executive in 1993. He oversaw a. recovery in the company's shares from 40p to 260p but yesterday they lost 65p to close at just 69 2 p.

Mr Grice is to close the company's printing plant in Glasgow, with the loss of 59 jobs, sell the magazine-imag-ing side in the US and look for joint ventures for most of the one analyst.

as putting on the block some small operations in Holland and France which have been will be write-offs totalling £9 million. The company, which analysts had been expecting to report a healthy £18 million profit this year, is now likely

to report a small loss.

Wace is trying to expand in digital imaging, which creates pictures, diagrams and production lay-out for the print medium or on CD-Rom. The City is cautious about Wace's future. "Some of the business es we were told a couple of years ago were growth pros-pects are being ditched," said

Wace plunges on Downstream pressures hold back Shell profits

COLLAPSING margins in refining and chemicals spoilt the benefit of a higher oil price for the Royal Dutch/Shell group. The price of Brent crude reached its highest level since

the Gulf War during Shell's third quarter but, while the company's three-month earnings from the sale of oil and gas almost doubled from the previous year, profits from chemicals and refining fell sharply.
Shell blamed competitive

pressures and higher raw material costs for the setback in its downstream businesses. Measured on a current cost basis and excluding special

per cent to £1.1 billion during the three months to September compared with the third quarter of 1995. For the first nine months, earnings grew only 5 per cent to £3.8 billion.

The stock market reacted badly to the news and shares in Shell Transport & Trading slipped 14p to £10.06. However. analysis suggested the results were not out of line with most forecasts and pointed to the recent sharp rise in Shell Transport stock. "They needed very good figures to justify the share price," one commented.

Profits from exploration and production soared thanks to the oil price and increased output. Crude oil production was up 5

rose 10 per cent and the in unit operating costs which helped to boost margins.

Upstream earnings rose 92 per cent to £599 million during the period but Shell yesterday predicted further volatility in the oil price. During the third quarter, Brent blend averaged \$20.90 per barrel, up \$1.40 from the previous quarter and a \$4.75 increase from the same

Shell's chemical earnings suffered a squeeze from declining prices and the rising cost of feedstocks, mainly crude oil. Earnings on a current cost basis fell 40 per cent to £189 million in the third quarter

Refining margins continue to hurt profits in Shell's downstream businesses. Since the second quarter, margins halved in the Gulf, while in Asia they collapsed from \$3 per barrel to \$1.70. Shell said that marketing continued to provide the main contribution to earnings which on a current cost basis fell 27 per cent to £422 million.

Shell's net income, including the benefit of stockholding gains rose 26 per cent to £1.3 billion in the quarter.

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Debut for Thomas the Tank Engine

By JASON NISSE AND KEITH RODGERS

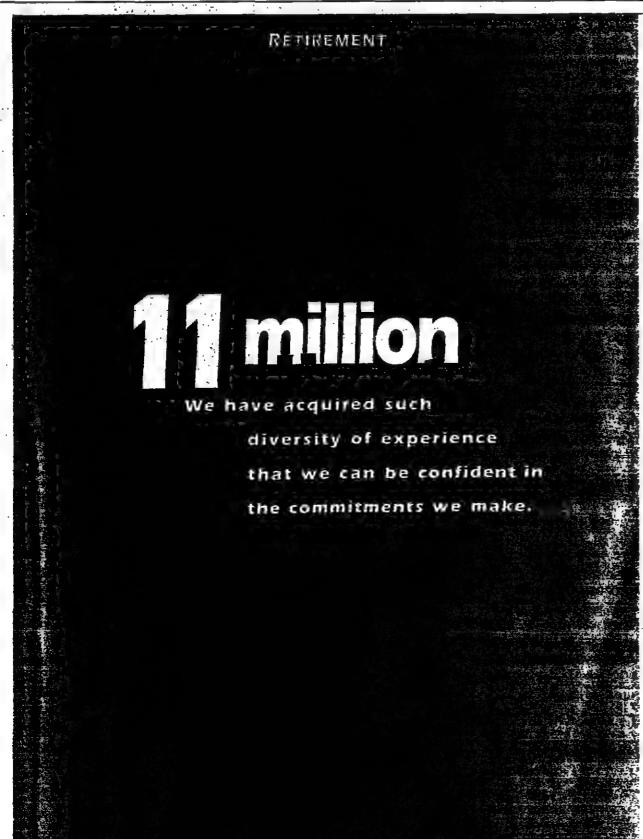
BRITT Allcroft Company, which brought Thomas the yesterday announced a £30.6 million float and Caspian, the leisure group, said that it was selling a portfolio of TV shows including Paddington Bear and The Wombles for £10.5 million.

Caspian, which recently bought Leeds United Football Club for £16.5 million, is to use some of the money to fund a bid for the Sheffield Steelers, one of Britain's leading ice hockey teams, which is on sale for £4 million.

Cinar, the Canadian film maker, is paying £5.5 million shares and debt replacements for Caspian's children's character business, which was bought for only £1.75 million in 1991. The operation was loss making and contributed to an £80,000 pre-tax deficit for Caspian in the first half of this year.

Dealing in shares of Britt Alicroft starts next Wednesday. The company plans to place 8.5 million shares at 130p per share and issue 3.8 million new shares to raise £4.2 million net.

The husband and wife team of Angus Wright and Britt Alicroft will each own 13.1 per cent of the shares. Ringo Starr, the former Beatle, has a stake with a value of more than £1.5 million.







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Surge of US interest in generators' shares

THE London stock market was lit up as American investors came pouring in for shares of Britain's power generators.

PowerGen led the way with a leap of 18p to 510p in heavy turnover that saw 4.59 million shares change hands. National Power was sought, up 13 p at 407p on turnover of 6.16 million shares. Demand also spilled over into Scottish Power, 712p better at 3142p, and Scottish Hydro. up ip at 275p.

Brokers said there was no mention of a bid to drive prices higher. Instead, it seems PowerGen has been in the US talking to institutional investors in an attempt to soothe any concern they may have about the threat of a windfall tax if Labour is returned at the general election.

PowerGen is said to be relaxed about the whole affair. its message seems to have gone down well with the Americans, who have been quick to latch on to the fact that the GenCos have been left behind by the rest of the market in recent months.

The rest of the equity market recovered some of its poise in the wake of Wednesday's rate rise. Selective institutional support enabled the FT-SE 100 index to recover an early 12-point fall before closing at its best of the day with a rise of 15.2 points at to 3,979.1.

Sentiment was given a further boost towards the close by the latest Chicago purchasing managers' index and nersonal income and jobless claims. All eyes will be focused later today on the non-farm payroll

The relaxation of rules governing media ownership came into force at midnight, with the introduction of the Broadcasting Act. Under the new rules companies can own television and broadcasting licences amounting to 15 per cent of the audience. It means that the smaller companies are likely to be swallowed up.

Top of the hit list is HTV, up 3½p at 378½p. Only last week, United News & Media paid £74 million for Scottish Television's near 20 per cent stake. It is now thought Scottish will turn its attention to Grampian Television, up 2712p at 327 2p. There is also a real prospect that Granada, 6p better at SS44 p, will eventual-

ly launch a bid for Yorkshire



Granada, which makes Coronation Street, was up 6p

holding. Cookson Group fell 102p to 2262p ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, turned bearish. It is reckoned to have cut its pre-tax profits forecast for the current year by E7 million to E171 million and for 1997 by £6 million to £190

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shares firmed lp to 992p. A better outlook for glass prices enabled Pilkington to the fastest growing food retailfirm 2p to 17lp in spite of

Dalgety rose 4p to 3114 p despite talk of a downgrading from BZW after a visit by brokers to its pet food operations in France. It is reckoned to have cut its current-year forecast by £5 million to £110 million and for next year by £6 million to £121 million. Turnover reached 4.25 million shares.

er in Britain, lifted the shares 42p to 1172p. J Sainsbury. which reported a drop in halfyear profits on Wednesday, irmed 5 p to 364p.

Shares in Lourbo continued to lose ground, falling another ip to a new low of 149 p after the announcement of the E327 million disposal of its Metropole chain to Stakis. Lonrho lost ground earlier this week after Dieter Bock

confirmation of a downturn in pre-tax profits from £104 million to £75 million in the first six months.

announced plans to sell his 18

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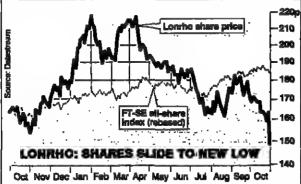
seven rights issue at 82p. The

To help to finance the acqui-

A profit setback in the third quarter from Shell upset the market and left the price 13p lower at E10.07. Vodafone firmed 12p to 237p after receiving a rap across the knuckles from the Office of Fair Trading over its airtime contracts. Brokers said the

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worse and breathed a sigh of relief. Contract alterations are now being made.

Eadie Holdings tumbled 62p to a new low of 122p after issuing a profits warning. Just Group was unchanged at 3p after diving into the red at the half-way stage; but a similar move by Club Inter-national left the shares lp

cheaper at 20½ p. Independent Energy shed 8p at 79½ p after warning that losses were likely to be higher than previously indicated because of delays in connecting new generating plants to

the electricity network. Jardinerie Interiors made an encouraging start on AIM following a placing at 114p. The group, which supplies plants for offices, started at 1292p and touched a peak of 132½ p before closing at 125p.

Mondas, the computer software specialist, also opened at a premium in first-time dealings on AIM. Offered at 76p. the price ended at its best of the day with a rise of 142p to

Perkins Foods slipped 2p to 84pafter hitting the acquisition trail. It is paying £15.6 million for Disselkoen Group, the Dutch food distributor. Virtually all the proceeds will be raised by way of a one-for-six rights issue at 74p.

☐ GILT-EDGED: Prices continued to lose ground in reaction to Wednesday's quarter point rise in bank base rates to 6 per cent — the first such rise in two years.

Investors were also taking a cautious view of events ahead today's US employment figures, which it is leared could trigger an increase in American interest rates ahead of next week's presidential

Index-linked issues were badly hit. In the futures pit, the December series of the Long Gilt fell E732 to E109516 as a total of 100,000 contracts were completed

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analysts said that the market

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SHELL'S third-quarter earnings decline should have been no surprise. The warnings were fulsome in the form of the dreadful downstream margins recently reported by Shell's US competitors. While pure exploration companies enjoy the high-altitude exhilaration of \$23 oil prices, an integrated oil company suffers the cost of refining expensive crude. More to the point, passing on that higher cost to a market oversupplied with gasoline is difficult, and it is interesting to note that marketing are refinible. made up the bulk of earnings in the downstream business. Evidently, the big oil compames are making more money at the pumps as they burn banknotes in their refineries. Upstream, Shell is doing well, notwithstanding an unusually high exploration writeoff. Gas production was up an impressive 10

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Shell's piggy bank per cent (no doubt helped by British Gas's decision to shut in production at Morecambe Bay) and unit costs are still coming down. In short, the operating picture looks good. What is of concern is what is happening to cash.

To be precise, what is not happening to cash s a concern. Shell had £8 billion in the bank in September, and capital expenditure was almost static at £1.9 billion for the quarter: . Having failed to replace its oil production for years. Shell desperately needs to invest heavily - the company aims to raise its annual spend by about 30 per cent - but there

was little evidence in the figures. Optimists might say Shell is doing more while spending less. Pessimists may wonder whether the Shell committee men are still in control after last year's job shake-out. Either way, there is still too much cash in the bank.

Body Shop

GORDON RODDICK wants the Body Shop to enjoy "balanced growth" --- a sensble ambition and, no doubt, one that the shareholders would endorse. Unfortunate-

ly, the company is a long way from achieving it, with yes terday's results showing growth to be very lop-sided.

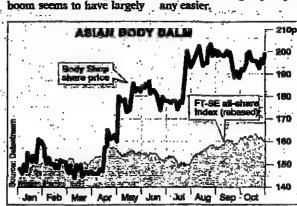
Asia is terrific, with likefor-like sales up 8 per cent. The company plans to open in Korea within the next few months, and there are other untapped but promising markets among the Asian

On the flip side is the United States, the most disappointing and worrying market. Like-for-like sales were down 4 per cent, after last year's 8 per cent fall. etition in that market is fierce. Although some of Body Shop's American rivals

are beginning to flag, the principal competitor. Bath and Body Works, is not.

To be fair, new US management has only just been in place for six weeks, so it is too early to judge its effectiveness. What is certain is that the management is start-In the UK, the high street

hypassed the Body Shop. and sales were up only i per cent. like for like. With the market here becoming ever more competitive, and companies such as Virgin plan-ning to enter the branded cosmetics business next year. it would be more comforting to see the Body Shop doing well. Life is not going to get any easier.



Pilkington .

AN EXCELLENT firm in a rubbish industry. That was the view of one forthright analyst pondering Pilk-ington's interior figures. Not everyone would so describe it but few would disagree that Pilkington has made sterling efforts to get back into shape after the costly diversification of the late 1980s.

The benefits of the group's restructuring programme, including big job cuts and iuctions, will graduatithrough to profit. heless. Pilkington self bogged down in a arket with European, products in recesilkington reports a firming of glass prices tronger volumes but he weak growth fore-

e outlook is glum... notor industry, particin the US, is a better customer and sales of glass to car manufacturers are

Pilkington has gained marker shares but faces a head to head battle with rival St Gobain and prices may be squeezed if the French group tries to regain market leadership. Analysts have trimmed forecasts to the £185 million: to £190 million range, with earnings per share down from 14p to around 10p. More news of improvement in Europe may help rally shares in the short term but after its recent underperformance, analysts are not yet banking on a sparkling

Brands Hatch

recovery.

Brands Hatch Leisure plc-is an attempt to bottle the birth-place of British motoring and serve it up as corporate hospitality. In the unfortunate choice of words of its chief executive, Brands Hatch is "adult entertainment". In essence an all-round, hands-on? gas-guzzling funfair for people with large wallets and receding hairlines.

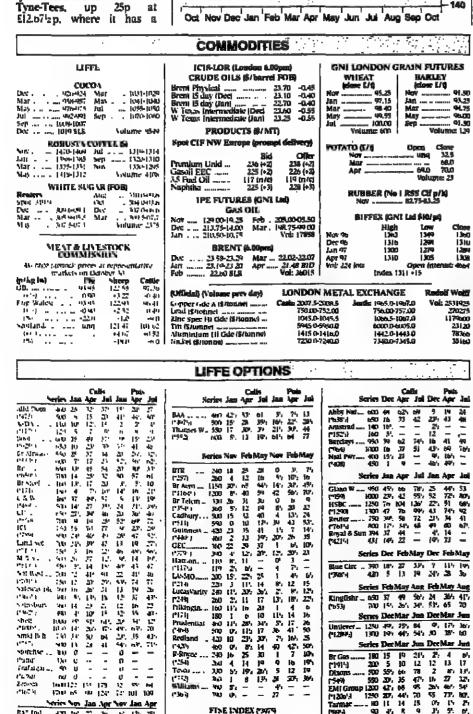
While the result may be a slightly classier version of Alton Towers, it is has some sound business logic. There are no shortage of executives willing to pay a high price to live out their fantasies. For many, a visit to Brands Hatch is a form of pilgrimage, and those attending the ground may well be mesmerised into parting with even more cash.

But how much time will its reputation buy it? It has not hosted the Grand Prix in ten years, and now that racing circuits are only allowed to collect gate money from the events, the new Brands Hatch management is less keen to bid for it.

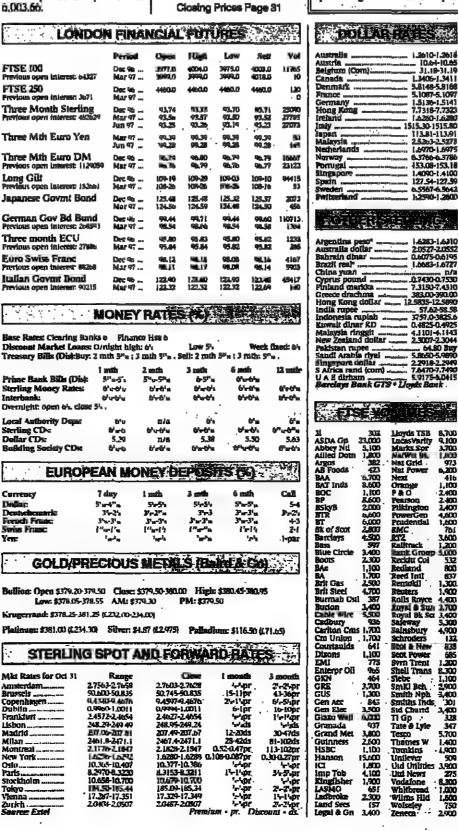
So dependent on corporate entertaining allowances. Brands Hatch should have a decent run until the next recession. But it is unlikely that the management will be able to sprinkle the Brands Hatch magic on their other three racecourses.

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Mistaken identity

A FRONT page apology alone from the Financial Times yesterday was not enough to appease the mighty Tiny Rowland. After the Pink'un pub-

lished a story saying incorrectly that the former chief executive of Lonrho was unfit to preside over a public company, the ty-coon demanded an apology as well as a quarter-page advertisement. The error, said by FT insiders to have been made by a desk editor rather than the author of the article, was in fact a comment about Robert Maxwell made by the Board of Trade in a report published in the 1970s. Rowland, a former proprietor of The Observer, will not claim damages.

Wrong tempo TEMPO, the electrical re-

tailer, was in trouble yesterday with Chris Tarrant. the Capital FM presenter. The battle was over prebooked radio advertisements for Tempo featuring the voice of Tarrant's former colleague, Kara No-ble, who left the radio station to join Heart 106.2 FM. Numerous listeners have called Capital asking whether Noble has returned. Unhappy Tarrant says that he will put a stop to the advertisements unless Noble's voice over is

SOUNDS like Pilkington has found success, in one field at least. When the glass manufacturer devised a weatherproof mir-ror, keepers at Slimbridge Bird Sanctuary, Glouces-tershire, seized upon the idea. For flamingoes, I am told, are more likely to mate when surrounded by So, a bank of the mirrors has been put in the flamingo pit. The results of the aphrodisiac won't show until the summer.



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Deal-doer Pirie

AFTER II years as chief executive of Rothschild. Robert Pirie has joined Societé Générale in New York as vice-chairman in the investment banking division and a senior member of the international mergers and acquisitions group. Having been involved in mergers and acquisitions on behalf of Hanson, Marks & Spencer, and Sir James Goldsmith. Pirie is quite a catch. Stephen Brisby, a member of SocGen's international investment banking committee, describes him as "a fascinating combination of tough Wall Street deal-door, and someone with an urbane cultured approach to life".

Shellshocked

BODY SHOP International is said to be furious after an invitation was withdrawn because it would have meant sharing a conference platform with Shell. This has not appeased relations between the two companies, which both announced results. yesterday. Gavin Grant, public affairs manager at Body Shop, agreed to speak at the conference on Ethical Values in Business Communications on November 20. Then Fifth Estate, the organiser, withdrew the invitation. Apparently Peter Hunt, head of group communication at Shell International, felt un-

comfortable at the prospect. MORAG PRESTON





ANATOLE KALETSKY

Why did the Chancellor opt to raise interest rates?

Kenneth Clarke

seems to have put his place in history above

the interests

of the nation

hy on earth did he do it? For the past two weeks I have devoted this column to the economic damage that a Labour government would do to Britain if it started raising interest rates after the general election and thereby caused another disastrous overshooting of the pound. But, to my surprise, Kenneth Clarke has beaten Labour to it. The damage to manufacturing and investment will begin immediately, rather than after the election. but otherwise there is little to add to the arguments I have put forward in the past two weeks. Instead I want to consider why interest rates are now certain to go on rising — and why an intelligent and previously responsible Chancellor might have chosen to

damage the economy in this way. The political reasons given by most City analysts do not convince me. These reasons were well summarised in a remarkably prescient, though economically misguided, Lex Column published in the Financial Times on Wednesday, a few hours before the Chancellor's unexpected announce-ment: "None of these [economic] arguments is likely to weigh as heavily on Mr Clarke's mind as electoral politics. Yet the politics does not all point one way. A rate rise now would be considerably less painful for the Conservatives than one closer to the election. It could also - irrationally - make the markets more tolerant of an aggressive tax-cutting budget. Who knows? Mr

Clarke could yet surprise us.

The reason why these beguiling arguments do not stack up is very clearly illustrated in the article by Tim Congdon, one of the Chancellor's independent economic advisers, on page 20 of today's Times. As Mr Congdon states, the quarter-point move in base rates is much too small to have any significant effect on the have to be lifted by a further full percentage point, at a minimum, to have any worthwhile impact on inflation.

Personally, I disagree with almost every aspect of Mr Congdon's analysis in particular with his faith in the over-riding importance of the "money supply", which leads him to the strange conclusion that a nation with two million people jobiess is on the verge of a boom. But on his prediction of 7 per cent interest rates, I cannot fault him. If Mr Clarke is genuinely worried about inflation, or even if he merely wants to "reassure" the markets about his antiinflationary resolve, then at least another three or four upward steps in interest rates will be required between now and the election. It is worth recalling that the 1994 round of monetary tightening, which the Chan-cellor lauded on Wednesday as a paradigm of successful "pre-emptive" action, involved a jump in base rates of 1.5 percentage points in three months.

Looking further back over the record of British monetary policy since the 1950s, I have not found a single case of a monetary tightening that involved a rate increase smaller than the 1.25 percentage points now recommended

The likelihood is, therefore, that the

From the Chairman of the

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John Marshall's questioning of

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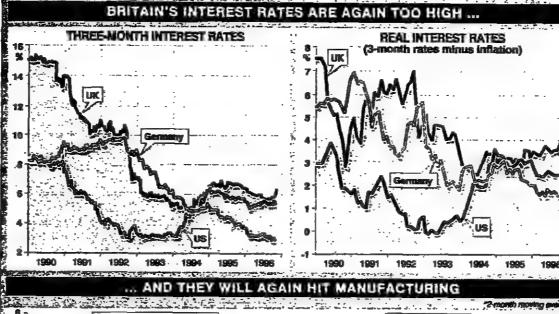
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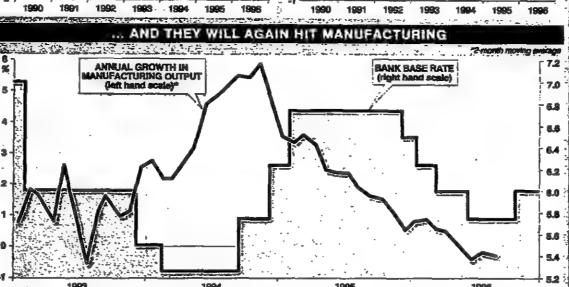
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portant role in offering societies the greatest possible flexibility

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single tiny move announced on Wednesday, far from reassuring the markets about the Government's antiinflationary resolve and earning Mr Clarke more "tolerance for an aggresive tax-cutting budget", will add the Treasury's official imprimatur to the opinion of those analysts (like Mr Congdon) who believe that a strongly growing economy will lead inevitably to an inflationary boom. If anything, the markets will now be even more wary about the inflationary implications of an expansionary Budget and will become even more strident in response to every item of good news on employment, production and growth. I expect to hear complaints from the City about the Chancellor "falling behind the curve" and doing "too little, too late" as soon as a strong economic

figure is published later this month. This pressure is, in fact, already apparent in the market. Short-sterling futures have fallen sharply, anticipating at least one more rate increase before March. Gilt-edged securities. have also declined, suggesting that investors have actually become more nervous about inflation.

This was to be expected. Remember the financial markets' favourite slogan: "the trend is your friend". Instead of neutralising the monetary issue until the general election, Mr Clarke's move has whetted the market's appetite for more rate increases by signalling a clear change in the trend of interest

For every economist and leaderwriter who may now believe that the Chancellor's "pre-emptive" action has nipped inflation in the bud, there are a hundred City dealers who expect interest rates to continue rising — for the simple reason that the trend is now pointing upwards. And each of those hundred dealers controls a million times more money than the commenta-

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New law would offer building societies greater flexibility

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Yours faithfully.

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Chairman, Building

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From Mr Jim French

Ownership myth

Sir, Prior knowledge that the Building Societies Bill was to

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Speech could well account for

the pussy-footing replies the

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tors who might be impressed by Mr Clarke's "courageous" move. Since Mr Clarke has shown himself

in the past to be an intelligent Chancellor 1 cannot believe he was ignorant of the pressures for stillhigher interest rates he is now certain to face. To return, then, to where I

started: why did he do it?
I think his reasons were profoundly political, but not in the crude electioneering sense generally understood. Mr Clarke knows that he has a better chance of earning an honorable place in history than any other member of included). His hopes of doing this depend entirely on avoiding the fate of Nigel Lawson, Tony Barber and Reginald Maudling: he does not want his name to become a mere adjective attached to the word "boom". Whether or not he shares in the alarm expressed by Mr Congdon (and the Bank of England) about the present strength of the economy, Mr Clarke no doubt believes that an unsustainable boom could develop eventually, and that if it did he would be blamed. If, on the other hand, the economy fell back into stagnation and unemployment started rising again after the election, the blame would fall on the next Labour government. From Mr Clarke's point of view, therefore, it may be more attractive to be seen to be taking some action now against inflation, even if inflation is not really a very serious threat.

t this point in the argument we have to factor in the corruption of Britain's political culture by monetarist dogmas. The most important of these is the proposition that Government macroeconomic policy is responsible for inflation, but that growth and unemployment are a function of other illdefined structural forces. The implication of this doctrine is that

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though. Whereas societies are

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Yours faithfully.

(Building Societies'

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politicians can be blamed for failing to control inflation, but not for unemployment and inadequate growth. Contrast this with the situation in Washington, where the Federal Reserve Board explicitly regards its mission as "achieving the highest rate of sustainable growth compatible with price stability", and the reason for America's superior economic performance is

crystal clear.
The question that remains is why the Chancellor should be taking out his personal insurance policy against inflation in the way that will do most ment - by raising interest rates and thereby adding to the strength of the pound. I can think of only one possible

The only form of anti-inflation insurance that would be in Britain's national interests - a sharp reduction in the Government deficit - is simply ruled out for political reasons. Mr Clarke's position in the Cabinet may be unassailable when it comes to provocative comments on Europe, but John Major would certainly boot him out of the Treasury if he seriously proposed a Budget that contained a significant cut in core public spending programmes

or a large increase in taxes.

Mr Clarke has thus been left with a stark choice. To damage the economy and the Tory's re-election chances by raising interest rates now and continuing to raise them right up to the election - or to risk the loss of his personal reputation in case Mr Congdon and other Cassandras proved right in predicting an unsustainable

Mr Clarke seems to have put his place in history above the interests of the nation. As one of his long-standing admirers, I must admit to being disappointed, but I supppose I should not have been surprised. He is just a politician, after all.

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RICHARD WORSLEY.

Yours faithfully,

US train model coming down the line in UK

The privatised railways are destined to consolidate, writes Richard Thomson

the future may hold, Nor a glimpse of what Britain's newly privatised railways should look carefully at what is happening in America. After a decade of seemingly terminal decline, America's railway are celebrating an astonishing recovery with a wave of mergers and consolidation.

The biggest hostile take-over battle is that in which Norfolk Southern and CSX Conrail, the main rail network of the North East of the US. The bidding is around \$8.5 billion and is likely to go higher yet. The winner will have a company with revenues of around \$14 billion and about 30,000

miles of track. This is the third big railway deal to take place over the last 12 months. This year, Pacific Rail and Union Pacific merged to form a transport leviathan in the vestern states, while Burington Northern and Santa Fé Pacific combined in 1995.

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the chief source than 90 per of income on the two large US railroads companies in

the west and two in the east. Many analysts believe there will soon be a single company running trains right across the country from east to west, radically cutting costs and delivery times. The consolidation has gone so far that the US Government is be-coming worried that it may start to breach anti-trust rules. The Conrail bids are being carefully scrutinised for that reason.

What relevance does all this have for Britain? The answer is privatisation. "I believe the same thing will happen in the UK," said James Higgins, railways analyst for Donaldson Lufkin has had a huge effect in the US and will do so in Britain too." This should be music to the ears of the civil servants and railway officials who studied the American experience before plunging into the privatisa-tion of British Rail.

For decades, the US rail network seemed moribund as it lost most of its freight traffic to the roads. Better roads and bigger trucks meant that road use was cheaper and quicker during the 1960s and 1970s. Railway companies hit the financial buffers and could not survive in their old form. The Government stepped in. Conrail, for instance, was created when the Federal Government merged five companies to keep them affoat, surviving on state subsidies that totalled \$13 billion, by some estimates. Then it was privatised.

Like all the privatised US rail companies, Conrail has cut costs and sought new business. Its services im-proved and delivery times shortened. At the same time. road haulage costs stopped falling as the road haulage industry matured, and by the late 1980s, the railways began to look competitive. The Government then abolished regulations that put the railways at a disadvantage to truckers. Rail freight costs have falled by about 60 per cent in the last decade, reached \$31 billion. That

consolidation is driven by a search for further cost savings and

the less often freight cars have to be shunted into sidings and switched to another company's trains, so delivery is faster. CSX claims that a merger with Conrail would save \$350 million a year in costs and add \$200 million to

Mr Higgins said that privatisation had produced a better interplay between cost and service, and growth in revenue and profits. "It's a win-win situation. In the past the British Government used the freight side of the business to subsidise the passenger side."

Freight is now a priority on chief source of income. Britain's railway operators have certain advantages: growing congestion on the roads and the change in the political climate against new road building, while trucking costs are likely to rise,

The process produces its own logic. Once the privatised rail companies have found their feet in Britain, US-style consolidation seems almost inevitable.

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From Mr Richard Worsley

Sir. Pennington (October 22)

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From Mr. T.S. Mills, Sir. British Gas have just informed me that my monthly payments for the past year fell

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fish card (Ofgas investigates the Goldfish card. October 24), my part-time gardener, surviving on social security benefits through lack of local work, has twice been sent the particulars of the card.

We have goldfish in our pond, but no gas in the village. Could the address lists have got mixed up? I fear they will sink, not swim. Yours faithfully. ANNABEL GEDDES, Gaston Manor. Tisbury. Nr Salisbury.

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Brake on profits at **Tandem** Group

By Clare Stewart

TANDEM GROUP, Britain's second largest bicycle-maker. made slow progress in the first half of the year, held back by losses from the sale of its clothing operations.

Tandem, which makes well known names such as British Eagle, Claud Butler and Falcon, incurred a pre-tax loss of £3.5 million in the six months to July 28, compared with a profit of £2.11 million. Robin Garland, chief execu-

tive, said: "Whilst these results are disappointing, the figures include £2.4 million relating to the disposal and closure of our clothing operations."

Tandem, which was formed a year ago with the merger of Casket, the cycle-maker, and EFG, a former horticulture business, is not paying an interim dividend.

The group, having sold off its clothing interests, said that there would be no further restructuring costs to come. Although it had taken longer than expected to get the group into shape. Tandem was now on track as a focused cycle business, Mr Garland said.

In total, the cycle operations showed a profit of £147,000 in the first half, largely because of the strengths of the Falcon and Claud Butler brands. In its Townsend division, which includes the British Eagle and cycle accessories business. Tandem expects that cost savings and lower overheads at its large manufacturing plant at Leigh, Lancashire, will boost profitability.

Tandem has about 28 per cent of the UK market and. the group said, the outlook was bright, helped by moves such as the recent Department of Transport initiative to increase cycle use.

Tandem is also looking overseas, capitalising on its strengths as a large volume producer to supply markets in Europe where demand is

high. Nick Batram, an analyst at Greig Middleton, the broker. expects the group to move back into profit in 1997-98, and identifies considerable potential for the group if it is able to expand its core business in the UK and Europe. Shares in Tandem moved 4p



Food for all seasons: the Dutch deal should allow Perkins to extend the market for its off-season imports, Howard Phillips, chief executive, says

Perkins rights to fund £15m Dutch purchase

PERKINS FOODS is expanding its fresh produce division through the £15.6 million acquisition of Disselkoen Group, one of the largest exporters of fresh fruit, vegetables and flowers in The Netherlands.

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To finance the purchase the company is to raise £15.5 million through a one for six rights issue at 74p per share. The net proceeds of the rights issue will provide £8.7 million cash, while the balance of £6.9 million will be paid to Disselkoen's owners with 8.13 million new ordinary shares.

Vincent Disselkoen, owner of 80 per cent of the company's shares, died last summer. His widow and the company's managers, owners of the remaining 20 per cent of shares, took the decision to sell. Howard Phillips, chief executive of Perkins Foods, said that Disselkoen's management will remain with the company under the new own-

ership. Perkins fresh produce divi-

sion imports off-season produce that it sells mainly to supermarkets in The Netherlands. The addition of Disselkoen, which sells produce grown in Dutch glass houses to the rest of Europe, should allow Perkins to extend the market for its offseason imports. Mr Phillips

The acquisition and rights issue are expected to have a neutral impact on 1997 earn-

ings per share.

The company believes that in the first full year after acquisition profitability of its fresh food division will be.

In the year ended Decem-ber 31. Disselkoen made a pre-tax profit of £2.64 million on turnover of E185.5 million. The amount Perkins Foods will pay for the Dutch company is dependent on Disselkoen's profits this year being at least £3.1 million.

In the event of a shortfall, Perkins would pay less under the terms of the agreement.

Body Shop offsets US loss with sales growth in Asia

A STRONG performance in Asia offset another poor Amer-Shop to a 30 per cent leap in profits in the first half.

The company yesterday reported a pre-tax profit of EII.8 million for the six months to August 31, compared with £9.1 million a year ago.

The interim dividend has been raised 39 per cent to 1.5p, ahead of earnings per share which increased 29 per cent to 3.6p. This is in line with the Body Shop's policy - adopted after it abandoned hopes earlier this year of returning to private ownership — of bringing its dividend yield closer to the sector average.

The interim dividend is payable on January 9. Total retail sales grew 13 per cent but comparable store sales rose just I per cent. They were up 8 per cent in Asia, 5 per cent in Australasia and I per cent

in the UK and Europe.

But in the United States they fell 5 per cent. The USA incurred an operating loss of £3.4 million, compared with a £2.4 million loss a year ago, while the UK's operating profit was flat at £2.9 million. Asia, by contrast, produced an operating profit of £6.5 million, up from £4.5 million.

in the first month after the end of the first half, total retail sales are II per cent ahead, but like-for-like sales are flat. In the UK in the past two months, like-for-like sales have slipped 2 per cent.

Gordon Roddick, chairman, founded the business with his wife, Anita, chief executive, said that Asia "con-



Roddick: profits advance

tinues to be a dynamic expan-

sion area". The company has opened its first two stores in the Philippines and is set to open its first outlet in Korea in the next few months. Around half of the 63 new stores opened worldwide during the first half are in

In the whole of this year, around 125 stores will be opened, taking the total to

Mr Roddick said that turning round, the struggling American business "was always going to be a long job. We have had a terrific assault from our competitors. But the trend is not worsening; likefor-likes were down 8 per cent

The company appointed a new head of the US business, Steen Kanter, in September. Mr Roddick said he was confident that Mr Kanter would make a difference: "You will see some changes there in the spring. It is the first time we've had the US business run by a retailer."

Mr Kanter previously worked for Ikea, the Swedish furniture retailer, and Lechters, a US housewares

Four new UK stores are planned by the end of this financial year, after only one was opened in the first half. Its shares closed 42 p higher

Lukewarm reception to Deep Sea's AIM debut

DEEP SEA LEISURE, which runs Britain's largest aquarireception to its debut on the Alternative Investment Market yesterday.

Its shares were placed at 160p, valuing the company at E10 million. Although none changed hands yesterday, they closed 24p easier at

The company, whose centre in Fife was recently named attraction of the decade, has raised £3.5 million from the flotation, which it will use towards opening a second centre in Cheshire. Phil Crane, its founder and

managing director, becomes a paper millionaire through the placing, with his 2312 per cent stake now valued at £2.31

He set up Deep Sea World in 1992, after winning a £250,000 grant from Fife En-£800,000 of his own money.

The centre has since become Scotland's third most popular tourist attraction, behind Ed-inburgh Castle and Edinburgh Zoo, drawing 400,000 visitors every year. Williams de Broë were the advisers on the placing.

Medeva survives Hepagene challenge

By OUR CITY STAFF

BIOGEN UK yesterday lost its challenge to the patent for Hepagene, the hepatitis B drug developed by Medeva, the international pharmaceuticals company. The House of Lords dismissed Biogen's appeal, with costs, and upheld the Court of Appeal decision that Biogen's patent 0182442 is invalid in the United Kingdom.

Medeva said that the judgment is the final verdict in this ase, against which Biogen has no further appeal. Wil-lism Bogie, Medeva's chief executive, said: "We have al-ways believed that our case was strong. It was upheld in the Court of Appeal and has now been finally resolved in our favour once and for all in

the House of Lords." Dr Bogie said that Phase II clinical data has indicated that Hepagene has proven clinical superiority "and we believe it offers to help meet a serious

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Premier Oil raises bid for Discovery

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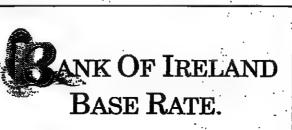
The UK company said the new offer, which is worth 80 cents a share, was unlikely to be further increased. The original offer of 70 cents a share was quickly rejected by the Discovery board.

The revised terms were tabled after Steve Lowden, who is international manager of Premier Oil, met executives from Discovery in Perth to discuss the Australian company's pro-duction and exploration

to London today, said he planned to discuss the revised offer with Discovery future. "This is the bid at the moment that we can justify, based upon our recent evaluation," he said. "I can't see us getting access to any more

52 cents before Premier an-While a report prepared by and commissioned by Discovery valued the shares at between 77 cents and 95 cents, Mr Lowden said the upper tic, especially with the Austra-

lian exploration acreage Oil Search, an oil production and exploration company based in Papua New Guinea, purchased a 10.1 per cent stake in Discovery after the initial Premier bid. Mr discussed the bid with Search but had met the company recently to discuss re-

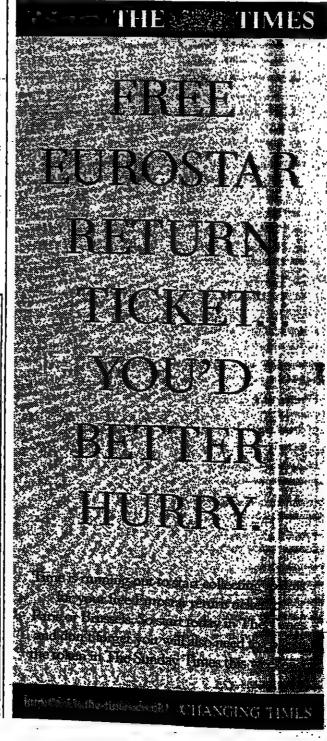


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Revenues from oil and gas reach a six-year high

bined with a further rise in Britain's buoyant crude pro-duction to boost the value of oil and gas revenues to a six-year high in September.

Gas output also rose in September, according to Royal Bank of Scotland's monthly oil and gas index, increasing Britain's combined daily oil and gas revenues to £47 million, an increase of 25,3 year on year.

The advance represents good news for the UK oil industry and the balance of payments. However, it may not be welcomed by motorists, who seem certain to have to pay more for petrol over the next few weeks.

Stephen Boyle, head of business economics at the Royal considerably lower than in the last two years and leave prices vulnerable to sharp increases in demand if the winter weather is severe. It appears

much from their present level until next year and even then the position of Iraqi exports presents a major source of

The rise in the price of benchmark crude to \$22.49 took it to its highest level since the Gulf War. The increase was largely down to the suspension of an agreement be-tween Iraq and the UN that would have allowed Iraq to resume limited oil exports.

Mr Boyle said that this had been compounded by evidence of higher world oil demand in 1996 and the reduction in stock

Oil production in September rose 7.2 per cent to an average daily level of 2.5 million barrels, while gas output increased 30 per cent, ending six successive months of decline reflecting more demand from gas-fired power

Combined daily oil and gas

September, rising by more than £7 million to average £47 million. Revenues were 25.3 per cent higher than in September 1995. Average sterling oil revenues were £36.1 million per day, a rise of 16.8 per cent rose to £10.9 million a day.

The combination of contin-ued high prices and further increases in output mean that revenues in 1966 will be significantly higher than in 1995.

In London, oil traded at \$23.80 a barrel yesterday, having peaked at \$25.18 in early October. Prices are being driven partly by low oil stocks. Figures from the American Petroleum Institute show distillate stocks, which include heating oil, at 110 million barrels, considerably lower

than in the two previous years

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Tony Mack plans to set up another overseas subsidiary

Air charter firm heads higher By Kerry Rodgess

ne air charter broker, surprised the City yesterday by announcing a special 10p divi-dend after reporting a 104 per cent leap in full-year profits. Pre-tax profits rose to £2.19 million, from £1.07 million, for

the year to July 3i on turnover up 20 per cent to £35 million. After a final dividend of 4.1p per share, net dividend for the year was up 50 per cent to 6p, payable on December 18. The further 10p per share special dividend will be paid at the same time, reflecting a 20 per

to £7.06 million. The company's commercial aircraft division, which charters airlines for special events, saw a 20 per cent rise in sales.

cent increase in cash balances

Turnover at Air Partner International, the Paris based subsidiary in which the company now has a 55 per cent stake, increased two-and-ahalf times. The company plans to set up another overseas subsidiary, probably in Germany or Italy.

Tony Mack, chairman, also indicated that the group would look to set up in America in the long term.

Dresdner advances despite income fall

Kleinwort Benson, reported a 29.7 per cent rise in name mouth profits, despite a surprising drop in trading income, and such to its forecast for a solid double-digit rise in full-year earnings. Dresdner said operating profits rose to DML89 billion, broadly in line with analysts' forecasts but marking a slowdown from the 44 per cent growth at the half-year stage. There was a 14.8 per cent decline in own-account trading profits to DM456.2 million, especially after Dresduer showed trading earnings of DM382 million in the first half. Net commission income rose 42 per cent to DM2.8 ballion, largely-boosted by the integration of Kleinwort Benson.

Dresduer appropried plans to launch a direct benking million.

Dresdner announced plans to launch a direct banking unit in the second half of 1997 and said it expected its commissions from the Deutsche Telekom issue to be in the double-digit millions of marks in the fourth quarter. Dresdner is one of the three global co-ordinators for the floration.

Publisher to cut staff

SOUTHERN NEWSPAPERS, whose publications include the Southern Daily Echo and the Bournemouth Evening Echo, is to shed up to 200 jobs, or 15 per cent of its workforce, over the next two years to reduce costs. The job cuts include 35 voluntary redundancies already agreed with staff at Southampton, Bournemouth and Basingstoke in Hampshire as a result of the company moving its eastern region publishing operation from the centre of Southampton to a £35 million publishing and printing centre on the outskirts of the city. Last month the group reported a 62 per cent rise in pre-tax profit to £18.8 million in the year to June 29. SOUTHERN NEWSPAPERS, whose publications include the

GPG withdraws offer

SHARES of Gowrings, the automotive distributor and Burger King franchisee, fell 82p to 762p yesterday after Guinness Peat Group, the investment firm, said that it would not be proceeding with an offer after failing to secure a recommendation from the Gowrings board. Early last month Guinness Peat indicated that it was prepared to make a cash offer of not less than 90p a share. Guinness Peat is the largest shareholder in Gowrings. GPG said it remains convinced that Gowrings's prospects are limited by the modest scale of its disparate businesses and that it would benefit from being part of a larger group".

Eurotherm in US buy

EUROTHERM, the specialist engineering company has in Sussex, yesterday announced the \$11.2 million purchase of Viatran Corporation, of Grand Island, New York. Viatran, with annual sales of about \$11 million, specialises in the design and manufacture of electro-mechanical pressure transducers that are widely used in the midustrial and process control markets. Eurotherm said that Viatran would be able to strengthen its development capabilities and its worldwide distribution channels after the acquisition. Eurotherm shares fell 32p to 61p yesterday.

Toyo jobs for Wales

WALES is welcoming its 51st Japanese manufacturing company today as Toyo Seal Industries announces a £2.4 million project at Wrexham, north Wales. This is Toyo's first investment outside Japan, and will result in the creation of 40 jobs. Osaka-based Toyo, which was established in 1928, produces rubber seals for use in the automotive industry. It employs 700 people in Japan. Toyo will move to a 25,000 sq ft factory at Wrexham, owned by the Welsh Development Agency, from where it will service customers throughout the UK.

Bertam profits soar

BERTAM Holdings, the oil palm and rubber plantatax profits of £15.39 million for the half-year to the end of June, including a £12.88 million surplus from the sale of a 997-hectare land sale. Profits were £1.05 million in the first half of the previous year. Operating profits were £2.08 million, rising from £758,000 previously. Barnings were 65.70p a share, compared with 3.16p. There is again no interim dividend but a special dividend of 4p a share was paid on July 24.

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|Speeches October 31| A claim to an invention of "a recombinant DNA molecule ...

coding for a polypeptide ... displaying HBV [hepatins B virus] antigen specificity was too broad in that the same results could be produced by different means, and no new principle had been established. Accordingly, the claimed patent was invalid.

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by the plaintiff, Biogen Inc. from the Court of Appeal Rainh Gibson and Lord Justice i ktober 27, 1994 had allowed an appeal by the defendant. Medevi ple, from Mr Justice Aidous, The judge, on November 4, 1993, had given judgment for Biogen in its action against Medeva for

Mr Simon Thorley, QC. Mr Andrew Waugh and Mr Justin Turner for Biogen: Mr Peter Prescott, QC. Mr Martin Howe, and Mr Adrian Speck for

LORD HOFFMANN said that the House of Lords had for the first time to consider the validity of a patent for products of genetic engineering. That technology had developed only during the last 25 years, in consequence of great dvances in knowledge of the penetic code contained in every

The code was embodied in a molecule of deoxyrribonucleic acid. DNA, which directed the cell to unnism required Genetic engineering, or "recombinant DNA technology", consisted of altering the DNA of a suitable cell so that it produced a protein that in nature occurred in another organism. In manufacture products of great medical importance that could not have been made by orthodox chemical synthesis.

The principal claim of the patent in suit was for an artificially carrying a genetic code that, when introduced into a suitable host cell. caused that cell to make antigens

HBV was a widespread human virus, often causing fatal diseases of the liver. Its antigens could be used both to test for whether someone had the virus and to immunity against infection.

mental work done in 1978 by Professor Sir Kenneth Murray of Edinburgh University. Recom-binant DNA technology had then been in its promising infancy.

In February, Professor Murray. financial backers had decided to found Biogen to exploit the technology for commercial purposes. In November, Professor Murray had reported that he had produced colonies of cultured bacteria.

On December 22, 1978. Biogen had filed a UK patent application describing what Professor Murray had done. That application. Bioger priority in respect of a later application filed with the European Patent Office on December 21, 1979. The European patent had been granted on July 11, 1990, and dismissed on appeal on July 28.

In 1992 Biogen had begun infringement proceedings against Medeva, which was proposing to market a third-generation hepatitis B vaccine made by recombinant DNA technology in colonies of mammalian cells. Medeva had counterclaimed for revocation, alleging that the patent was invalid on a number of

Those still relied on were: that the claimed invention was obvious ctions I(I)(b) and 3 of the Patents Act 1977) both at the date of the application for the patent in suit and at the date of Biogen I; that Biogen was not entitled to the priority date of Biogen I because it did not support the invention claimed in the patent (section 5(2)(a)); that the claimed patent was not an invention (section I(I)): and that the description in the discation was insufficient (sec-

tion 72(filet). Biogen conceded that the claimed invention had been obvious at the date when the application for the European patent had been filed but not at the date of

The judge had held that the claims in the patent were supported by the matter disclosed in Biogen I and that it was accordingly entitled to the earlier priority date. He had dismissed all the ctions and held the patent valid and infringed.

in the appeal, much turned on identifying the inventive step, if any, in what Professor Murray had done. There was no doubt that he had been the first person to make HBV antigens by recomhowever, follow that he had been inventive. The technology had

obvious. Even if it had not been, it antigens by .ecombinant DNA technology would be the right way to describe his inventive step.

Whenever anything inventive was done for the first time it was the result of the addition of a new idea to the existing stock of knowledge. Sometimes, it was the idea of using established techniques to do something that no one had previously thought of doing. In that case, the inventive idea would be doing the new thing.

Sometimes, it was finding a way of doing something that people had wanted to do but could not think how. The inventive idea would be the way of achieving the In yet other cases, many people

might have a general idea of how they might achieve a goal but not know how to solve a particular problem that stood in their way. If someone devised a way of solving would be that solution, but not the goal itself or the general method of achieving it.

To discover precisely what constituted the inventive step, one had therefore to examine the state of

Would it have been a new idea to think of making HBV antigens at all? Or would that have been a goal that people had thought about but had not known how to achieve? If the latter, would it have been inventive to think in general terms of using recombinant DNA tech-nology? Or would that also have heen something that many molecular biologists would have wanted to do if only they could think of how to overcome particular difficulties that stood in their

A paper published in 1970 by D. S. Dane and others ((1970) Lancet i. 695-698) had made the suggestion. which by 1978 had been generally accepted, that the infective agent of hepatitis B was a [virus-like] particle, 42 nanometers in diam eter that had been found in the blood of infected people. The "Dane particle" appeared to in-clude a circular molecule of DNA in a protein core and to be surrounded by a protein surface.

The immune system of a host organism could be stimulated to produce antibodies, proteins that attached themselves to the virus and rendered it non-infectious. The proteins in the virus that caused the production of antibodies were

The relationship between anti-body and antigen provided the

means of both diagnosing and vaccinating against infection by the virus. Antigens could be used for vaccination because once the mune system had been exposed to the antigen it would produce the

The Dane particle appeared to have at least two antigens, one at its core, HBcAg, and one on its surface. HBsAg. One way to obtain those antigens was to purify them from Dane particles taken from the blood of infected people. That had been done with some success, but there were concerns about safery and supplies were limited by the number of donors.

Another theoretical possibility was to make the antigens artificially by orthodox chemical synthesis, but that required knowledge of the sequence and structure of the amino acids in the DNA. In 1978, little had been known about them.

A promising alternative method had been recombinant DNA technology. That involved introducing a foreign DNA molecule, coding for a protein natural to a different organism, into a host cell in such a gene was correctly transcribed and translated into the protein for which it coded.

By 1978 there had been several ready-made vectors available that could be used to introduce chosen fragments of DNA into bacteria in order that they would replicate and provide large quantities of the

One of the most popular had been a recombinant plasmid known as pBR322, made by Bolivar and Rodriguez. By 1978, experiments had shown that in certain cases foreign DNA could be expressed when pBR322 was intro-duced into the well-known bacterium Escherichia coli (E.

Bacteria were extremely simple organisms classified as prokary-otic because they consisted of single cells without nuclel. More complex, eukarvotic, organisms id cells with nuclear membranes. Until 1978, it had been by no means clear that the proteinmaking equipment of a bacterial cell was up to the task of expressing the genes that coded for the proteins of cukaryotic cells. But that summer an important paper had been published by Dr Lydia Villa-Komaroff and others (Proc Natl Acad Sci USA, vol 75, pp3727-

That had proved conclusively that it was possible to express the DNA for the production of a case, rat preproinsulin, by insert-ing it into pBR322 and transform-

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ing E. coli. That discovery had been highly relevant to the project for making the antigens of hepa-tics B. Since the virus infected only higher organisms its proteins were necessarily eukaryotic.

In 1978 vectors for transforming a eukaryotic host cell had still been under development. The Biogen project for making the HBV antishould be capable of being made in It did not follow, however, from

the fact that the expression of rat preproinsulin had worked that one could by similar means express all, or indeed any other eukaryotic

There was also a potential difficulty with introns or junk code: sequences of nucleotides found in eukaryotic DNA that did not seem to code for anything. No introns had been found in prokaryoric DNA, and it had therefore been assumed that prokaryotic or-ganisms like E. coli had no mechanism for removing introns.

That meant that the expression mechanism of a prokaryotic cell might be unable to cope with natural or genomic DNA coding for a sukaryotic prosent and containing introns. A sequence of relevant gene could cause errors. such as the making of the wrong

Dr Villa-Komaroff had been able to side-step the problem by using an artificial DNA, cDNA, but Professor Murray had had no source from which he could make cDNA. All he had been able to obrain was genomic DNA from Dane particles.

One way to determine whether introns presented a problem would have been to sequence the HBV genome by identifying the order of each base in the viral DNA molecule. It should then have been possible to discover where the relevant gene was and whether it

contained introns. But it was not until six months after the filing of Biogen I that the by Valenzuela and others in the University of California at San Francisco (Nature voi 280, 815-819)

The genes' coding for the antigens were found to have no introns. It was because of that discovery and other advances in the state of the art that Biogen conceded that, by the date of its European filing, the method by which HBV antigens could be made was obvious. But the information had not been avail-

that Professor Murray had puri-fied some DNA from Dane parti-

restriction enzymes chosen to di-gest the DNA at as few sites as possible. The object had been to produce the largest possible ragments.

wanting large fragments. One was that screening large numbers of small fragments would be timethe hest chance of not cutting within the relevant gene, or, at any rate, within the part that coded for a relevant epitope, the region of the chemical structure of an antigen by which an antibody recognised corresponding antig

Having obtained his large frag-ments, Professor Murray had employed established techniques of recombinant DNA technology to ligate the HBV DNA to pBR322 and introduce that into E coli. Claim I of the patent in suit read:

"A recombinant DNA molecule characterised by a DNA sequence coding for a polypeptide or a fragment thereof displaying HBV antigen specificity, said DNA se-quence being operatively linked to an expression control sequence in the recombinant DNA molecule and being expressed to produce a polypeptide displaying HBV antigen specificity when a suitable host cell transformed with said recombinant DNA molecule Is

The claim was to a product, a molecule identitifed partly by the way in which it had been made. recombinant DNA, and partly by what it did, the words following "characterised by". It generalised what Professor

Murray had done in two ways: First, as to the results he had lar form of recombinant plasmid, pBR322 with fragments of Dane particle DNA, that had transformed E. coli and, he sald, caused it to express the genes of HBcAg and HBsAg. The claim was for any recombinant DNA molecule that expressed the genes of any HBV antigen in any host cell.

Second, there was generalisation of the method that he had used. He had made his DNA molecule from a standard pBR322 plasmid and large fragments from Dane parti-cle DNA, chosen simply on the basis that they should be large,

That had been a technique imposed on him by lack of information about the coding sequences. Thereafter, he had employed conventional means to express the DNA in a conventional bacterial host. The claim was for molecule that would achieve the

a very unusual kind. It was said to consist in attempting something that a man less skilled in the art might have regarded as obvious it that the expert would have thought so beset by obstacles as not to be worth trying.

His Lordship would not pursue the question of whether than amounted to an inventive step for the purposes of patent law because he was content to assume, without ing, that what Professor Murray had done had not been

The next question was whether, given that Biogen 1 had disclosed what would at the time have been a patentable invention, that disclosure, known in patent law as an "enabling disclosure", supported the invention actually claimed in

On that, the critical issue was not whether the claimed invention could deliver the goods but whether the claims covered other ways in which they might be ered: ways that owed nothing to the teaching of the patent or any principle that it disclosed.

His Lordship accepted the judge's findings that Professor Murray's method had been shown to be capable of making both antigens, and he was willing to accept that it would work in any otherwise suitable host cell.

Did that contribution justify a claim to a monopoly of any recombinant method of making the antigens? In his view it did not. The claimed invention was too broad. Its excessive breadth was

due, not to the inability of the teaching of Biogen I to produce all the promised results, but to the fact that the same results could be produced by different means. Professor Murray had won a brilliant Napoleonic victory in

cutting through the uncertain that had existed to achieve the desired result. But that success had not established any new principle that his successors had had to follow if they were to achieve the The inventive step had been the

idea of trying to express unsequenced eukaryotic DNA in a prokaryotic host. Biogen 1 dis-closed that the way to do it was to choose the restriction enzymes likely to deave the Dane particle into the largest fragments. That, if anything, had been the original element in what Professor

Marray had done. But, once the DNA had been sequenced, no one would have chosen restriction enzymes on that basis They would have chosen those

that digested the sites closest to the

The inventiveness alleged was of a very unusual kind. It was said to consist in attempting something fragment of the polyocotade. Nor, once they could use vectors for mammahan cells, would they have been concerned with the

same problem of introns that had so exercised those skilled in the art Of course, there might be other problems but Biogen I did not ach how to solve them. Medeva,

who used restriction enzymes based on knowledge of the HSV genome and mam ils owed nothing to Professor Murray's invention The metaphor used by one of the witnesses had been that before the genome had been sequenced every-one had been working in the dark. Professor Murray had invented a way of working with the genume in the dark. But he had not switched

on his method had no longer been It was said that what Professor Murray had shown by his inven-tion was that it could be done. HBV antigens could be produced by expressing Dane particle DNA

on the light and once the light was

in a host cell.

Those who followed, even by different routes, could have greater confidence by reason of his suc-cess. But that was not enough to justify a monopoly of the whole

The Wright brothers had shown that heavier than air flight was possible, but that had not entialed them to a monopoly of heavier than air flying machines.

Care was needed not to stiffe further research and healthy competition by allowing the first person who had found a way of ring an obviously desirable goal to monopolise every other

way of doing so.
His Lordship would hold that Biogen I had not supported the invention as claimed in the European patent and that it was date of Biogen I. As it was conceded that the invention had been obvious when the patent application had been filed, it was

LORD GOFF, agreeing, said that he wished to express the gratitude of the Appellate Committee to their expert advisers. Professor D. Glover of the University of Dundee and Professor J. Neil of the University of Glasgow, who had provided the committee with invaluable assistance both before and during the hearing. Land Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Mustill and Lord Siynn agreed. Solicitors: Simmons. &

Unambiguous facts required

In re P. S. Banarse & Co. Before Mr Jules Sher, OC

Liudement October 25] The agreed statement of facts in a directors disqualification application adopting the procedure in In re Carecraft Construction Co Ltd. [1994] I WLR 172) should be unambiguous about the facts that were being admitted. There should be no scope for the court to infer

Mr Jules Sher, QC, sitting as a deputy Chancery Division judge, so held in a reserved judgment on an originating summons issued by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry against Dayanand Banarse and Pratep Singh

Mr Mark Cunningham for the secretary of state: Mr James Stuart for the directors.

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agreed facts stated that the directors did not dispute that they permitted the company to circulate accounts to third parties with a view to obtaining additional credit facilities "which they knew or ought to have known were materially inaccurate".

It was unclear whether they were admitting actual knowledge or not. However, he was sutisfied proceed on the basis that the directors were not admitting actual knowledge and, after taking ac-count of other admitted facts and various mitigating factors, made a disqualification order of six years from the date of the order.

His Lordship regarded a Carecraft statement in such a form as a possible abuse of the proce-

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HIS LORDSHIP said that the dure, the whole point of which was to limit the investigation. The procedure lost its point if the court was entitled to draw inferences of secondary fact and led to arid discussion between counsel. A Carecraft statement should not mince its words. It should have stated clearly whether the directors knew, or that they merely ought to

> or need for infilling of secondary fact as was made clear in the recen decision of the Court of Appeal in Secretary of State for Trade and Industry v Rogers (July 26, 1996; Chanf 9n/0265/B), disapproving dicts of Mr Justice Ferris in Carecraft (at pi82-3).

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor;

Before Lord Bingham of Comhill, Lord Chief Justice and Mr Justice [Judgment October 21] Where an offender had been released from prison on licence and committed a new offence during the currency of his licence the justices, in applying section 40 have known, that the accounts There should have been no room amended, should either themselves deal with both the question of sentence for the new offence and that of revocation of the licence and

in custody to the crown court for consideration of the revocation of his prison licence.

The applicant had been released from a young offender institution on a licence expiring on April 11, 1996. The full term of his sentence expired on March 7, 1997 but on February 26, 1996 he committed a common assault, an offence which

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offender to the crown court for

The Queen's Bench Divisional

Court so held, granting the ap-

plicant, Laurence Jordan, an order of certiorari quashing the decision

of Harrow Justices to commit him

consideration of those questions.

was triable only summarily.
The justices convicted and sentenced him to three months in prison and also committed him in custody to the crown court for consideration of the question whether his licence should be revoked and he should be recalled

Regina v Harrow Justices, Ex the period already spent in prison on remand the applicant was almost immediately eligible for release in respect of the new

Section 40 of the 1991 Act, as amended by section 168(1) of and paragraph 47 of Schedule 9 to the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, provides:

"(2) Subject to subsection (3) below, the court by or before which pefore the date on which he would have served his sentence in full commits an offence punishable with imprisonment is convicted of the new offence may, whether or not it passes any other sentence on him, order him to be returned to prison for the whole or any part of the period which — (a) begins with

the date of the order ... "(3) A magistrates' court — . . . (b) ... may commit him in custody ... to the crown court for sentence and (that court) may make such an order with regard to him as is

mentioned in subsection (2)...

"(4) The period for which a person ... is ordered ... to be returned to prison ... (b) shall, as the court may direct, either be served before and be followed by, or be served concurrently with, the sentence imposed for the new

Miss Sarah Maguire for the applicant: Mr Stephen John for the

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the question was whether the procedure adopted by the justices was one which could be 40. It seemed plain that if the order to be made was that the period of return to prison should be served before the new sentence, the procedure was inappropriate. The magistrates' court could not

When offender commits offence while out on licence

impose a new sentence before the period of return was ordered by the crown court, since the mag-istrates' court would not know when that new sentence would start, and could not know whether order for return at all. One of two options in section 40(4)(b) was therefore ruled out. There was an alternative: that

the sentences were to be served concurrently. If the magistrates' committed an offender to the crown court for consideration of return, it would often be imprac ticable for the sentences to be concurrent. That was the position here, since

the three-month sentence expired within a few days of its being imposed and it would have been impossible in practical terms for the crown court to impose a sentence which could take effect

One could imagine a situation in which the sentence imposed by the magistrates' court was longer so that it would be themetically possible for the sentences to be imposed concurrently. That possibility was not strictly exduded on the language.

If the order for return was to take effect on the date that the

sentence already imposed by the magistrates' court, it was theoretically possible that section 40(2(a) and (4)(b) would be satisfied.

However, section 40(3)(b) strongly suggested that the power to deal with an existing offence and the question of return should either be dealt with in both cases by the magistrates' court or should be dealt with in both cases by the Crown court.

Giving a sensible interpretation to the provisions it seemed that the draftsman could not have intended nan could not have intended that one element of the overall sentence, the period of return, should be dealt with by one court and another element by another.
The court therefore rejected what it regarded on the language

ment construction of the section and concluded that the mag-istrates court should either deal with sentence and return or, if on considering the matter they felt that it was more appropriate that both should be dealt with by the crown court, commit both the question of sentence and that of return to the crown court.

dinarily adopt if there was a significant period of a licence Mr Justice Biofeld agreed.

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unexpired and the new offence was Solicitors: Blackman Van Emden, Harrow; CPS, HQ.

No duty over price

Blake and Another v Barking and Dagenham LBC

A local authority owed no, common law, duty of care to a tenant when stating its opinion of the price of a property in a notice served under section 125 of the Housing Act 1985

Mr Justice Douglas Brown so held in the Queen's Bench Division on July 30 when finding in favour of Barking and Dagenham London Borough Council, the defendant in an action brought by David George Blake and Andrew Alfred Brooks, both tenants of the

The plaintiffs claimed that the courned was liable in damages for negligence and/or breach of statutory duty and/or negligent mis-representation. They alleged the council had overvalued the property in question to such an exte

that it must be held to be negligent. HIS LORDSHIP said that section 125 imposed no statutory duty on the local authority. It merely provided for a step in a com pulsory sale transaction between a landlord and tenant and for the landlord to give his opinion as to the price at which he would sell.

WHAT is a good sermon? Who are the best preachers? How well do they deliver their to prison under section 40 of the 1991 Act, as amended. Because of order was made and that date was council each of whom had qualireconciled with the terms of section fied to purchase his home under in time to be concurrent with the sermons? You will find the answers to these questions in The Times Best Sermons of 1996, edited and introduced by Ruth Gledhill, The Scots Law Report November 1 1996 Court of Session

ee Ltd v L. A. W. Construction Co Ltd and Others

Before Lord Hamilton Judgment August 23)

In Scotland the rights, powers, duties and obligations of receivers were regulated by statute, currently Chapter II of Part III of, and Schedule 2 to the Insolvency Act 1986, and by the instrument creat-Neither the statutory provisions

nor any instrument of charge in common form expressly divested the directors of any powers on the appointment of a receiver: rather they did so by conferring on the receiver powers hitherto exercised by the directors. During the currency of a receivership, the board had no power over assets in the possession or control of the

Lord Hamilton, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held granting decree in layour of the pursuer in an action by Independent Pension Trustee Lid against L. A. W. Construction Co Lid and its associated companies, all but one in receivership, and their respective directors and certain individuals as trustees and Hymans Robertson Trustees Ltd for declarator that, by virtue of a deed of appointment in its favour, it was entitled to act as indepenthent trustee of L. A. W. Pension and Life Assurance Scheme, and for reduction of deeds of appoint-

Rights, powers, duties and obligations of receivers Independent Pension Trust- ment in favour of Hymans Robert-

Mr James Drummond Young, QC, for the pursuer; Mr Colin Campbell, QC and Mr David Sellar for the defenders

LORD HAMILTON said that in August 1975 the first defender and certain individuals had entered into a deed of trust by which had been constituted the L. A. W. Construction Group Pension and Life Assurance Scheme, Subhad been executed and other group companies had become partici-

pants in the scheme In October 1972, the first defender had granted to C, a bank, a floating charge over "the whole of the property which is, or may be from time to time . . . comprised in our property and undertaking. On April 9, 1992, C. in pursuance of its powers under the floating

charge, appointed two insolver ers to be joint receivers to the first defender, and, contem-poraneously, appointed them to be receivers of all but one of the other group companies.

The scheme was an occupational pension scheme constituted by trust deed within the meaning of section 57C of the Social Security

the appointment of the receivers.

certain discussions took place among them, their agents, the

group company not in receivership

and the existing trustees of the

the appointment of an independent 57C(2) of the 1975 Act. No agreement was reached and

by deeds of appointment executed on August 14 and 17 and 17 and 21, 1992 the defenders purported to substitute the sole group company not in receivership as the principal scheme employer and to appoint Hymen Robertson Trustees as

All the other group companies and the receivers did not consent to the deeds. In so far as the companies bore to act, they had done so through their respective directors. The receivers had apinted the pursuer as such trustee by deed of appointment dated August 22, 1992.

His Lordship said that the grounds of action relied on by the oursuer were threefold: First, following the appointment of the receivers, the directors of the

relevant companies retained no powers to execute the deed of appointment of August 14 and 17. that in those circumstances the deed was void ab initio and should be reduced; and that as the deed of August 17 and 21 was dependent on the earlier for validity it was also void ab initio.

purported exercise of power under section 570 of the 1975 Act was invalid and that both deeds ought Third, that the parties to the

Second, it was argued that the

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the directors of any power on the appointment of a receiver. They did so implicitly by conferring on the receiver powers hitherto ex-ercisable by the directors. In his Lordship's view, it would be equally contrary to principle and wholly impractical if there were some kind of diarchy over all

the company's assets, or, indeed, over any asset of the company of commercial value or significance. During the currency of the receivership, the board had no power over assets in the possession or control of the receiver. While the directors did not lose office on the directors that not lose onice on the appointment of a receiver, they could not thereafter act at their own hand in respect of assets falling and remaining under the

Assets of the company included not only its property in the narrow sense but its rights and powers, in so far at least as those had commercial value or significance. in the present case, the com-

panies had certain rights, powers

Funds held under it were not property of the company, but the rights and powers of the company as principal employer under the scheme were if of value or signifi-cance in a commercial sense. within its property and undertak-ing, and thus within the scope of the floating charge. In his Lordship's view they were

of such value or significance because, although not exploitable directly for commercial purposes, the manner of their exercise could bear on the value of exploitable assets such as goodwill. Their exercise might also affect the liabilities, actual and posential of

It had not been suggested that the pursuers had no title to sue, and having been appointed they were entitled to vindicate their right to exercise their office. It was appropriate in the interests of all concerned, including members of the scheme, that there should not be ambiguity about who; might exercise the powers of independent

The existence of any powers 1975 Act, as amended, was irrelevant to the interpretation of the

There being no dispute as to fact on that ground, the pursoers were therefore entitled to decree. Law agents: Maclay Murray & Bishop &

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THEATRE 1

A tale of two diddies contrasting productions of Beckett's Happy Days in Paris and London



THEATRE 2

Ovid is all jokes in an updating of The Metamorphoses at the Battersea



THEATRE 3

A controversial success in Dublin, but The Gay Detective seems out of touch in Kilburn



MUSIC

At the Barbican Riccardo Chailly gets to grips with Mahler's shattering Tenth Symphony

THEATRE: A Beckett classic staged in London and Paris; updated Ovid; and a controversial Irish play in Kilburn

Going down in

needed a trademark it. might choose the image of two tramps waifing — in reference to his first, most famous play. But other writers have written about tramps; even Anthony Newley has done it. Only one man has put on stage a woman "stuck up to her diddies in the bleeding ground" and kept her there, unable to shift, for the greater part of two hours.

For the last quarter of that time she has. sunk in further. up to her neck, through her rep-ertoire of smiles

and reproaches, yakking on to fill the hours between the bell that rings to wake her up and will ring again to announce the time to sleep.

Like Vladimir, Estragon and other Beckett characters,-Winnie is trapped in the foetid enigma of life. She has found ways to kill time, but time refuses to stay dead, so that next day she is in the same place but worse off than before. It is Groundhog Day

Karel Reiszs production from Dublin's Gate Theatre is at the Almeida till the end of next week. Stuck up to her diddies, and then to her neck, in a mound of drange sand is Rosaleen Linehan, the splendid actress who was over here six years ago at the National, Lughnasa, Barry McGovern plays Willia presumably her husband, occasionally damtitbits from Reynolds News before retiring to masturbate. quietly behind the mound. He wears a Battle of Britain moustache as bushy as Beckett's stage directions de-mand, but his bald wig is a

Even before the play begins something remarkable is in place a never-before-seen curtain across the front of the Almeida stage. The practical purpose of this is to enable the actress to be inserted into the

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audience. You might suppose this or some shoftling around in a blackout are the only ways to start the play.

But ten days ago I discov ered an alternative at Peter Brook's Theatre des Bouffes du Nord in Paris where his production of Oh les beaux jours—the French version of the play—is currently running. He later explained that his proscenium arch is so high that a curtain looked foolish. and he had

asked his actress. Natasha Parry, if Happy Days Almeida, N1 take her place in the mound while

the audience watched So we saw her excerted to the surprisingly grassy lump in the middle of the stage and wriggle inside while a slab of turf was fitted behind her. Demonstrating the illusion of theatre is a very Brook solution, and the play's quality is diminished not a scrap.

There seem to be fewer laughs in the French text. At the Almeida they come in abundance during the first part but laughter dies after the interval as we gaze at Linehan's disembodied head, only her mouth and eyes moving, see the terror in her stare, hear the tremor of panic

Earlier, while she still had arms to help her through the motions of elegant deportment Lineban brings a touchingly absurd hauteur to dimine selfectations, and also a lofty smile with something of has only her eyes to act with, the fearful irony of her sentmental bleats of thanks for mercies received — "Oh this will have been a happy day" — generate in the observer a kind

"of irritated pity.

From time to time my attention wandered away, as it also did in Paris, but I suppose this is exactly what Beckett, old teaser that he was

JEREMY KINGSTON



Barry McGovern and Rosaleen Linehan, "trapped in the foetid enigma of life" in Karel Reisz's production of Happy Days, now at the Almeida

Some sterling notes in all the louche change

YOU would expect a show based on the first that has broub-Ovid called The Metamorphoses and er Pluto has carried performed by a physical-musical the Proceeding into transformations: women into trees, gods into rays of sunlight and so on.

To some extent the Clod Ensemble disappoints in this regard, with the notable exception of the discourteous Lycian peasants, who are most enjoyably turned into frogs. Instead, the ensemble, recipients of the 1996 Chris-topher Whelen Award for musical theatre, has given us a jokey, contemporary slant on the gods and their amorous bickerings.

The high priestess Juno is reduced to a spiteful, jealous wife. When her husband Jupiter is confronted with

simply retorts: "Yeah. So what of it?" Hum-

our which relies on shock value like this is effective, but can lose its edge All these mythical tales unfold on a

circle of sand (designed by Sarah Blenkinsop), while a septet of musicians accompanies, and sometimes dictates, the action with Paul Clark's original compositions. Nine performers dance, mime and sometimes singstories, freely interchanging roles for

At worst, this is uncomfortably

Metamorphoses with everyone emot-

ing like mad. At best, though, an atmosphere and an emotion is genuinely conjured - such as when Hecate rises from her cave and tries to prevent Proserpine's abduction, or when Phaethon careers out of

control in Apollo's chariot. There is no doubt that the Ensemble is a talented bunch of performers their work is slickly presented and they are attempting a refreshing reinvention of the interplay between music and action on stage. Their chosen performance style is intention-

music and movement self-referential approach. At times this classes they made us slips over into self-consciousness, and ostentatiously.

If they could broaden their emotional repertoire the sense would be dispelled that their work errs on the side of the inconsequential. And all the better if this could be achieved without losing their characteristic charm. Like the unforgettable moment when Juno, annoyed that one of the violinists has seduced Jupiter with her virtuoso playing, takes a brutal revenge by snipping all the violin's strings with

CLARE BAYLEY

It's a fair cop

GERARD STEMBRIDGE'S new play for the Project Arts Centre set pulses racing when it first opened in Dublin. Set in 1993, the year in which homoland, it follows the fortunes of a young, gay Garda officer ordered to infiltrate the homosexual underworld to crack a link with the drugs trade.

Hardly the stuff of sensation, but in a staunchly Catholic country where the stigma of being gay is not worn lightly, this is still sensitive territory. Arming his protagonist with a droll wit and unflinching integrity, Stembridge launches Peter Hanly's Pat onto the

The Gay Detective Tricycle, NW6

mean streets like the hero of a Raymond Chandler novel. A government minister needs to needs to be collared.

Hardly is our hound on the set when he falls in love with a victim of a victous queerbashing incident. When a politician is found murdered outside a homosexual sauna, Pat finds himself on the dangerous fringe of a political well-insulated public figures.

Stembridge seems to be making a point by depicting a thriving, well-established gay community. But for all the graphic scenes of men having sex with men, its dramatic scenario is decidedly weak. Beyond the love story, woefully manipulated by the sudden revelation that his lover Ginger is HIV positive, the play is little more than a series of sketchy diversions in which we see the predictable disintegration of Pat's enthusiasm and integrity.

Hanly makes a decent fist of Pat, touchingly enthralled to Eddie Tighe's nicely undercharacter is a two-dimensional stereotype. Middle-aged men are either malevolent rapists of young rent boys or mincing closet queens; the young are uniformly exploited. Perhaps Stembridge's hard point is that this is what legislation against homosexuality has produced in Ire-land. If it is, it feels distinctly out of touch in Kilburn.

CHRISTOPHER

LONDON CONCERTS: Stunning Mahler; idiomatic Dvořák

Epic way to say goodbye

THERE could hardly have been a finer tribute to the late Berthold Goldschmidt than the London Symphony Orchestra's performance, dedi-cated to his memory, of Mahler's Symphony No 10. Goldschmidt had been a vital collaborator in the performing version of Mahler's final symphony prepared by Deryck Cooke and first performed in its entirety by Goldschmidt and the LSO in 1964.

Riccardo. Chailly's performance made the work seem as rich and as strange as it must always remain. The LSO had played themselves in with Britten's Sinjonia da Requiem: it showed the first signs of a suppleness of ensemble and a fine balance of detail and long-sighted vision which was to characterise the Mahler.

Chailly's skill throughout was to sharp-focus the individual moment and yet to sense its place in the highly-strung nervous system of the whole. The violas long desolate opening melody was moulded like wet clay, yet as soon as it was fired into focused tonality by the strings, Chailly moved the music on robustly. As solo voices and masks were uncovered, vibrato and attack were intense: Chailly's body seemed at times charged with static electricity.

RIMSKY-KORSAKOV Russian Paster Overtime

SHOSTAKOVICH Symphony No 5 in D minor

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For the first Scherzo, a keen balance of wind and strings made for an acerbic quality of dislocation. The second Scher-20 ("the Devil dances with me!", wrote Mahler) was heady with razor-edge chording and lines drawn out to breaking point. In between, the Purgatorio movement had

Chailly's command of the long finale, with its numb offstage drum-strokes, was masterly. As pitch gradually faded into bare rhythm, only to rise again into the light, the LSO responded warmly both to Chailly's imaginative vision and to his sensitive physical

human song itself.

envoi to the world. HILARY FINCH

pacing of Mahler's passionate

Troubles forgotten

tudes with conductors, the Czech Philharmonic Orches tra was in good heart and superior form to start a short tour in England in its centenary year. Its visit is at the instigation of the Royal Philharmonic Society here, which made Dvořák an honorary member in his time and commissioned from him the

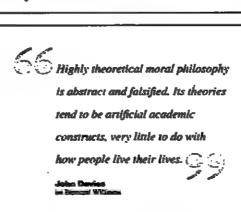
Seventh Symphony with which this programme began. Libor Pesek, a former resident conductor of this leading Czech orchestra, has a wonderful rapport with these players. That was evident in their alertness to his every nuance of phrasing in music which is often ominously dark in its Czech PO/Pesek Festival Hall

colouring yet never fails to uplift the listener. Pesek is not a conductor to linger, even when the musical mood invites it. He gave the slow movement unusual fervour and ended with a whirl of jubilation.

One could enjoy much in-strumental distinction within the orchestra's ranks, surprisingly still all male apart from the two harpists. In particular the leader (whom I took to be Bohumil Kotmel) contributed violin solos of fluent delicacy. The richest sonorities were

saved for Janáček's colourful rhapsody Taras Bulba, to end the programme. In between, Mikhail Pletnev stepped out as a piano soloist of exemplary clarity and flexibility in Beethoven's First Concerto. A welcome tenderness infused the middle movement, and the subtle gradations of tone in the finale compensated for smoothing the syncopations too much

NOEL GOODWIN



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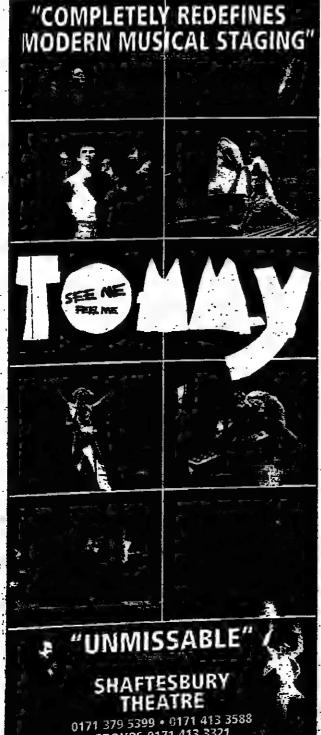
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rock'n'roll reveal very little about their subject. Hurriedly written for scant reward, they are pushed out in order to plug a perceived gap in the market. There have, for instance, been no fewer than eight biographies of Oasis published since the summer, which is at least seven too many, and hardly a month goes by without the arrival of a new tome offering yet another plod through the

story of the Bearles. So when a book comes along that exposes a fundamental truth about the thoughts and motivations of our larger-than-life heroes, its impact is all the more enduring, Diary of a Rock's Roll Star

candour 9 by Jan Hunter (Independent Music Press, £7.95) is just such a text. Q magazine tour of Britain happen next recently called it "the greatest year, which would give the music book ever written," and it certainly stands as one of the most engaging and endearingly honest accounts of life in a

rock band. Hunter was the singer in Most the Hoople, the group from Hereford best remembered for their version of David Bowie's song All The Young Dudes, a hit in 1972. With his thick mop of curls and man-of-mystery shades. Hunter looked the archetypal rock'n'roll star, and indeed still does. But the great strength of his book is the unusual candour which in-

There are many marvellous tales of nights out on the razzle with Keith Moon, dropping in to visit Frank Zappa and sneaking past the security guards to gain access by the back door to Elvis Presley's Graceland mansion. But it is the minutiae of life on the road that sticks in the memory: not just the endless round of sound checks, airport lobbies

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the worry before a gig, fol-lowed by elation if it went well or depression if it went the other way, all tinged by a naive wonder as Hunter and his group get their first taste of the American experience.

"I wrote it partly to out-write certain writers in the British music press at that time, such as Chris Charlesworth, who I didn't think were very good." Humer now recalls, half-jokingly. "Also, I don't have a very good memory. I tend to daydream a lot.

and I thought it would be an exer-**6** Ian cise in taking notice of real life." Hunter's Although he still records and occastrength sionally tours, Hunter now leads is his a "reclusive" life at his home in Conunusual necticut with his wife and 16-year-

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Unavailable for years, Diary of a Rockn'Roll Star has now been reprinted and, despite the old-fashioned geozerish language, it is re-quired reading for anyone with the slightest interest in understanding what really goes on in a rock band as opposed to the lurid fantasies routinely peddled as fact.

Just as revealing, albeit in a completely different way, is Stones (distributed by Millbank Books, £16.99), a gloriour pictorial study of the Rolling Stones by the German artist Sebastian Krüger. An illustrator and painter whose work has graced the covers of publications including Spieel, Stern and L'Espresso, Krüger, 33, has a genius for capturing the essence of his

subjects through caricature. He has been painting the Stones since 1980, and his grossly exaggerated portraits throw the personalities of the group into sharp relief. Mick Jagger's grotesquely pouting lips and preening pose are constantly fluctuating moods, counterpointed by the glint of



Mick Jagger and Keith Richards, as depicted - in characteristically exaggerated cartoon style - by the German artist Sebastian Krüger in his new collection. Stones

cold steel in his eyes. Ron Wood is portrayed as a genial. clown-like figure with the hair and facial expression of a man who has just stuck his finger instead of his amp into the mains socket. Charlie Watts appears as a dapper, detached gent with the long, sad look of an old bloodhound, while a dark, charcoal-smudged Brian Jones looks as if he has been dragged, too late, from the bonfires of hell. Inevitably, it is the piratical figure of Keith Richards who emerges as the star. His hands occupied with a succession of bottles, guitars, cigarettes, a gun and a glove puppet of Jagger, he stares through rheumy eyes from page after page, the dark embodiment of

"Keith is the one with the magic," Krüger says. "But they all have extraordinarily interesting faces. They are like comic-book characters to begin with.

s an insight into the chemistry of the group Krüger's pictures are worth any number of words. Interestingly, the only Stone not to have responded favourably to his work is Jagger, which says a lot. While Hunter and Krüger

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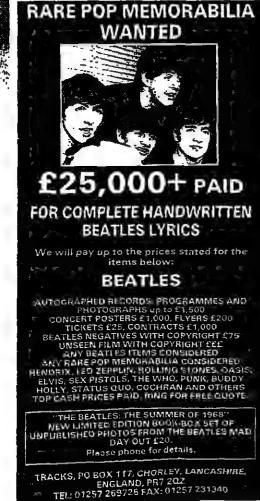
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POP ALBUMS: Spice Girls follow up two smash hit singles with a debut LP that

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Spice Virgin 7243 8 42174) DHE editor of Smash Hits called hem "Oasis with a Wonderbra", nd she could be right. For while Dasis have forged mainstream pop rom the crucible of serious ock n roll, Spice Girls are traveling in the opposite direction. aking a pure pop formula and lving it a surprisingly credible dge. Their reward may well be uccess, and possibly even respect, in a scale to rival that of Oasis.

It is tempting to dismiss Spice on irst hearing as just another frothy onfection for the kids. Like all ood oop it has an air of energetic rivolity, and more bounce than eat. But you do not have to be a re-pubescent girl to appreciate the enuing sense of resolve that runs ike a thin thread of steel through he ten tracks.

Unlike predecessors such as Bananarama, the Girls are more of a gang than a group, a development which entails a fundamental thift in the emotional priorities of heir songs. "God help the mister nat comes between me and my sters" is the message of Love Thing, echoing the girl power/solidarity theme of their massive worldwide hit. Wannabe.

Peppered with slogans such as "I'm choosy, not a floozy", the album has a constantly assertive ring about it, yet always favouring guile and wit above aggression. And on Naked, a slow song full of sexual tension, in which a voice on a telephone insists "I'd rather be hated than pitied", they hint at a depth of feeling that goes well-beyond the superficial charm of THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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What follows is a good-natured romp through songs about racing cars (Mach 5, Bug City). girls (Supermodel, L.I.P.) and the thrill of rocking out (Tube Amplifier, Volcano). Genghis Khan, Darth Vader and Mick Jagger all get a namecheck along the way and, while the band's knockabout approach tends to work better on stage or with video accompaniment, their absurdist tendencies are sufficiently held in check not to diminish the impact of the music on a more basic level.

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The Day (Epic 485368) HE MAY be one of the most decade, but curiously, Babyface has never placed an album of his own in the British chart. Still, as the writer and producer of a slew of international hits for acts including Whitney Houston, Boyz II Men. Toni Braxton. Celine Dion and Madonna, the bulge of his address book is second only to that of

Quincy Jones. He calls in a few favours on The sing backing vocals on Every Time I Close My Eves. Stevie Wunder to co-write and play harmonica on How Come. How Long and Eric Clapton to add discreet touches of blues guitar on Talk to Me.

But their presence is merely the icing on the cake, and the enterprise is very much dominated by the supremely stylish presence of Babyface himself. A latterday th an impo

mand of traditional soul idioms. the man performs with plenty of emotion, but spends the entire album stuck in ballad mode, lost in a succession of reveries about the good old days, the sexual prowess of his lover and, on the title track. the day his wife gave him a son. There will be plenty of winning singles to choose from, but the cumulative effect is decidedly soporific.

JOE HENDERSON Joe Henderson Big Band

(Verve 533 451-2) SINCE signing with Verve in 1991, Joe Henderson has rightfully been recognised as one of the music's most skilful, thoughtful tenor players, his cultured, musicianly approach gracing projects ranging from a tribute to Miles Davis to explorations of the music of Billy Strayhorn and Antonio Carlos Jobim.

Big-band work, however, has not figured in his discography until now. Recorded in two bursts, the first in 1992 with a stellar New York line-up, the second in 1996 with Chick Corea an occasional guest, this album takes a number of Henderson's finest compositions -Isotope, which receives a

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robust arrangement from Slide Hampton, Black Narcissus and the peppy latinate hard-bop staple Recordame among them — and subjects them to tasteful but robust workouts.

ERIC REED Musicale

(Impulse! IMP 11962) UNSURPRISINGLY, since he and a number of other musicians on this elegant album are alumni or current members of Wynton

Marsalis's various bands, pianist Eric Reed is steeped in the jazz tradition from New Orleans plane to avantgarde saxophone, from gos-pel through swing 10 hard op and beyond. Using two bands - a

conventional piano trio and quinter with a trumper/alto front line - Reed explores all these areas in some varied but consistently cogent originals, ranging from a perky Art Blakey tribute, through a rollicking, percussive rumba dedicated to Professor Longhair, to the album's standout track: a dramatic trumpet/ saxophone dialogue, Pete and Repete, intentionally reminiscent of the music of Ornette Coleman and Eric Dolphy.

CHRIS PARKER

Rock and a hard place

There's still this myth that runs along the lines of: "Being in a band isn't a job — it's a 'birrova laugh"." And, on the surface, that would appear to be true: a pop star's life seems to consist of world travel, groupies. drink and drugs. There's the songwriting part as well, but as the process is so little talked about or discussed - mainly because it's exceedingly boring - that tends not to figure in

people's preconceptions.

In actuality, a popstar's average, on-tour day consists of waking late, spending up-wards of five hours travelling to the next venue, soundchecking, and then sitting around waiting to go onstage. There is the marvellous hour of playing to people who nominally understand where you're coming from, and wearing spangly trousers, then it's back to the hotel to sit around, missing lovers, child-ren, family and friends, watching late-night TV, and drinking to bring you down

being onstage.
The loneliness and boredom can overwhelm even the hardiest soul. Six months in foreign countries, unable to communicate, isolated from everyone you know save your bandmates, can trample the joy out of everything. Even playing on stage becomes a chore when you have to wheel out the same revelations and emotions night after night.

from the adrenalin rush of

Time becomes a distorted measuring device when every day becomes a Groundhog Day of vans, hotels and draughty dressing rooms. Bands start marking the passage of time in places and countries - August is Japan, November is America, December is home. Living this way can lead to alcoholism and varying states of insanity.

But who cares? If bands are touring that extensively, they surely have some kind of success behind them, and are therefore making a fairly hefty packet of cash. Unfortunately. it's not that merry. Musicians are treated by their record companies like cowboys treated their horses when travelling across deserts - by day. they are ridden, at night, nicks are made in their veins and their blood is lapped for food. Horses can live for years like

Caitlin Moran

has some advice

for anyone considering life as a pop star:

forget it, Jim

this, until they eventually col-

lapse.

Here are some facts: bands get between 6 and 12 per cent of the money carned on records. However, from this tiny percentage, certain deductions are made; the cost of making albums (even though, in many cases, the record company still owns the mastertapes): TV ads; 50 percent of the cost of making a video. If a "name" producer is employed for the album, he will often want a percentage of the profits, which is taken from the hand.

On top of this, bands earn smaller royalties from any packaging novelty (postcards. two-CD singles packages): from selling their records through music clubs; or having their songs on compilation

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albums. Record companies are in a no-lose situation: nearly everything is billed back to the band.

The upshot of this is that a band with three Top 20 hits and a Top Ten album under their belt could well be on a weekly wage of around £130 and will owe about £50,000 to their record company. I often wondered why su

many pop stars branched out into less successful side ca-reers within five years of becoming successful; acting. presenting, writing, merchandising or, in David Bowie's case, designing wallpaper. Well, I know now - emotionally and financially it's infi-nitely preferable to flogging your soul, in 15 bright and shiny formats, across the world for 50p a go.

There are a multitude of reasons one might want to be a pop siar. Revenge is common. Proving yourself is another, Simply being foolish enough to think it's fun is the favourite. But unless your one and only reason is that you have to get the music inside you to as many people as possible or ing the music industry as if your soul depended on it. It

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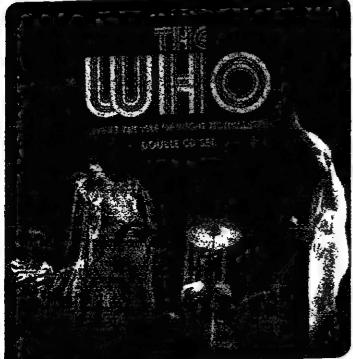
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Sir Ron goes shopping

The leader of the Dearing committee believes we can learn

from Japan, says John O'Leary

Dearing embarked on his review of higher education, the first place he went for ideas was Japan. This raised eyebrows on British campuses, where all but a select few Japanese universities are regarded as weak.

But, on this visit at least, Sir Ron's interest was in quantity, not quality. Japan has reached the levels of participation in higher education to which a new British government is likely to aspire, and has done so without breaking the bank or creating widespread gradu-

Sir Ron returned impressed by the scale of Japan's achievement and convinced that there were some lessons to be learnt, not from the top

from the lower regions of a highly stratified The leading system. Like the universities commissioned certainly him, he recognises the pressure have high for renewed expansion, but is standards determined to

areas. In all probability, that means a new generation of two-year courses, rather than yet more honours degrees. One possible model has been examined by the Dearing committee this month in America, where community colleges provide an established alternative to a univer-sity degree. The other is Japan's mixture of liberal arts and

vocational colleges.

Though neither country closely parallels Britain's education system, Japan's is the closer in some respects. In particular, with more than a third of school-leavers going on to university, Japan has a participation rate similar to Britain's. However, when the twoyear colleges are added in, the rate hovers around 50 per cent. There lies the prize, but also

rice

Sir Ron, the problem for the policy-ring em- makers: how to devise qualifications that carry sufficient status to attract students in an age when the degree is seen as the least that is required for an increasing swath of jobs. The quandary is by no means unknown in Japan, where the femaledominated junior colleges are having to struggle for survival. But the relative success of the newer vocational colleges and the option of transferring

to a university degree are ensuring that the system does not break down.

Sister Claudette Bernier, the president of Yokahama's Caritas Junior College, says: "We are facing a crisis because more girls to want to go to four-year universities. A social

trend like that is difficult to colleges, mainly private and once schools, train students for primary teaching and nursing, but growing numbers choose to go on to

university rather than settling for an associate degree. Sister Bernier says that smaller classes and a work ethic that is often absent in universities bring the best out of students who might. otherwise drop out education or have to settle for a lowly regarded degree.

Sir Ron liked the flexibility of the system, with its choice of stages at which to cash in qua-lifications, and also its breadth. At the 3,000 Special Training Colleges (also mainly private) students can join after. unior high school and take a five-year course in vocational subjects alongside the basic

The universities, too, give undergraduates a general education for the first half of their degree courses, specialising only in the final two



Tokyo students relaxing: Japan's higher education system impressed Sir Ron Dearing

years. There have been moves towards earlier specialisation, especially in some of the 400 private institutions; but the principle of giving students breadth of knowledge remains important throughout Japan's higher education.

In other respects, however, British academics: scepticism appears well-founded. Quality is highly variable and the Japanese method of funding universities and colleges, with high fees paid almost entirely by parents, will have little to commend it to members of Sir Ron's committee. Indeed, the Japanese educa-

tion ministry has a whole department devoted to university reform. There are productive and diverse system to cater for the wider range of abilities and expectations in the larger student body of the

There is also arotiety about the effects of demographic decline, which is starting to hit higher education and may bankrupt some institutions eventually. The population is expected to peak in 2011, leaving institutions to compete for far fewer students if present

A traditional disdain for teaching among Japanese academics is said to have changed in recent years, and there is no doubt that the leading universities have high standards. But degrees are not classified and students' workload in most universities is less than onerous, so there is little incentive to shine.

participation rates are

Top companies limit their recruitment to universities at the top of a rigid ranking based almost entirely on entrance scores. So, having worked long and hard to win a

place, and with the prospect of a punishing working schedule to come, university life is seen as the one chance for the Japanese to enjoy themselves for a sustained period.

Both the universities and the Government are keen to expand postgraduate education, which has always been a minority interest. But most businesses remain wedded to the idea of training and moulding graduates according to their own requirements, and students are reluctant to turn down the chance of secure employment. As in the schools, the

Japanese are as keen to borrow from Britain as we are from them. A group is to visit Britain soon to collect its own tips on measuring and improving quality in higher education. The two systems may have a lot more in common before long.

How to look good in the league tables

Martin Stephen offers a survival guide for head teachers prepared to sacrifice their principles

one of my oldest friends, so I was particularly shocked to hear that he had lost his job as Head of Cheltenham College, apparently because his governors were dissatisfied with that school's performance in the league tables. Half the boys gained A or B grades and 20 got into Oxford or Cambridge.

There are four distinct types or categories of league table available to the consumer. All can be fiddled.

The easiest table of all will he published this month from the Government's official examination statistics. The positively byzantine rules and regulations take no account of large numbers of pupils who actually sit and pass GCSEs, while large numbers of pupils who, by age, qualify for GCSEs but who did not actually sit them, are counted as fail-

Just to show that idiocy does not stop at GCSE, the General Studies A level as a proper A level in these statistics, even though no one else does. Very few good universities accept it as an entry requirement; none accepts it as the equivalent of a

After that, it gets a little harder, but not much. The main batch of league tables are based on the findings of ISIS (the Independent Schools Information Service). These do not include General Studies A level, but there is no need to panic.

The answer is simple, al-

Deter Wilkes is an excel-lent headmaster and your school is selective, persuade the top half of your pupils to go for four A levels. Since the tables work by adding up the total points score achieved and dividing it by the number of pupils sitting A levels, you do not need a GCSE in mathematics to work this one out.

A level

bounce up the league tables. Some weak-hearted col-

leagues and parents might

complain, of course. Tradi-

tionally, only 75 per cent of the sixth-form curriculum

has been given over to exam-

ined subjects. Time for that

fourth A level or the AS level

has to be taken away from

the remaining 25 per cent. So

goodbye to a stimulating

General Studies programme

One or two other league

that could not be examined.

Of course, a lot of your entry might not be bright enough to sit a fourth A level. Worry not. In its wisdom, the Government has invented AS levels, equal to half an A level in terms of points scored. If your school is a

little more comprehensive than some others, this is your answer. Many of those who can manage only an E Lesson One: enter everyone for General Studies at

at A level can get a C grade at AS level, and even an F is still one more point. Make every one of your pupils sit an AS level, regardless of whether they want to or not, and just look at the way you proper A level.

So lesson number one for the head who is keen to succeed is to enter everyone who can spell their own name for General Studies A level. It boosts the points score beyond belief.

tables are a little more tricky. though it might take a couple The Daily Telegraph one

Studies or the AS tricks do not work, but the fourth A level, if one's entry is bright, works satisfactorily. The Financial Times is so complicated that even its own statistician does not seem to understand it, but ends up, year in and year out, proving the same thing as everyone else's league table.

But if you really want to hit the heights, you need to bite a few bullets. How could any reasonable head allow pupils through into his sixth form who were not guaranteed an A or a B grade at A level? If you have been a good head, you have probably allowed any pupil to stay on in your sixth form who is working reasonably hard, even if an F grade will for them be a major

This must change immediately: the pupil who will be lucky to get an F grade simply has to go. And while you are at it, refuse your weaker candidates the right

to sit A levels with you. If you are really brave, fiddle the return to ISIS Refuse to enter any examinations that are the subject of appeal - appeal meaning that you do not agree with

The major things not to per cent of your candidates for only three A levels. Do not fail to enter them all for General Studies A level. Do not fail to enter them all for at least one A/S level. If you fail in any one of these areas, you are mad. Unfortu-Manchester Grammar School is certifiably insane.

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Leadership of Farrell survives test of adversity

FROM CHRISTOPHER IRVINE IN CHRISTCHURCH

after the Test series had been lost in New Zealand in believing that Denis Betts, six years the senior of Andrew Farrell, should have been appointed captain of the Great Britain rugby league tem instead of the younger man. Yet one of the most positive aspects to emerge from what has been, in terms of results, a humbling tour, is that Farrell has demonstrated the leadership quali-ties which make Phil Larder, the Great Britain coach, believe he will continue to grow into the job.

David Poulter, the former Castleford chairman, who is one of the club's major shareholders, has dismissed reports that Ron Hill, a former player and director, has tabled a takeover bid. Poulter said: "If I felt there was somebody coming along who could take the club forward, I would possibly consider selling my shares, but at the minute, there is nothing on the table."

The fact that Farrell is still 21, and the youngest Britain captain by three years, is often overlooked because of the maturity he demonstrates. He is two years younger than the average age of the team — and when he praises "the youngsters". he forgets to include himself in that category.

Farrell has more medals and battle-scars than most, having broken into the Wigan side at 17 and become the youngest forward to play for the national team the next

doubly difficult. by the enforced absence of so many experienced internationals and by the Rugby Football League's (RFL) ridiculous penny-pinching withdrawal of players in mid-tour. Throughout. Farrell has maintained a quiet outward dignity, while inwardly seething.

There were distractions that players don't need. All we should have been bothered about is rugby and winning the Tests." he said. "We inevitably got mixed up in it. The RFL has suffered by it and the whole thing was a mess, but it has changed no one's perception. You still put on the Britain jersey and something changes inside you."

Unlike the New Zealand captain, Matthew Ridge, an inspirational leader but one who barks his commands from full back, occasionally joining the back line to add bite, Farrell is a "sleeve's up" captain, who thrives on the responsibility of leading from the front.In the first two narrow defeats by New Zealand, Farrell, in harness with Betts, was the prime attacking mover. As much as he wants to avoid a whitewash in the final match this morning in Christchurch, he would not

see it as a disaster.
"A 3-0 defeat would hardly be a tremendous start for me. But I wouldn't out pressure on myself and say that it's my fault, or this or that person was to blame. This is a very young side who've played to their ability, did nearly everything right to win the series and would leave better for the experience," he said.

If we beat Australia at home next year, all this will be



Farrell, the tenacious Great Britain captain, believes the young side can only get better, despite defeat

forgotten. I would, though, be upset if we're still saying then that this side has gained experience and improved, vet we've been whitewashed by the Aussies, What this tour has given us is a bigger pool of international talent, and that

can only be an advantage." Farrell, like players and administrators throughout the game, is putting faith in the proposed world club series next year to raise standards in Britain and, especially now, halt the growing and poten-tially ruinous exodus to rugby union. To those league players now wintering in union, the struggle to pay players' wages on tour in New Zealand might

staying put. The world series finals and Australia's tour should shut off the temporary union option in 1997 and end the Little England mentality in league.

suggest that they are better off

"The New Zealand players are used to the intensity of competition, playing in Australia.

"Some lads have struggled and will go home knowing there are better players out there, but if our clubs are going to be meeting six Australasian Super League teams a season we're going to im-prove." Farrell said.

When we've lost to Australia before, we've had the inquests, looked for three or

four months for ways of catching up, then forgotten about them until the next beating. We won't now get the chance to rest on our laurels, if we're playing the best sides in the world regularly."

Although this Britain side must feel that they have been kicked in the hindquarters, as, indeed, Ridge promised they would be with Farrell at the heim for the foreseeable future, all may not be lost.

SNOOKER

Morgan in superb form for Wales

FROM PHIL YATES IN BANGKOK

AN ELDER statesman and three of the game's younger generation contributed to a successful day for the Welsh contingent at the World Cup here at the Amari Watergate Hotel yesterday. Wales opened their chall-

enge by beating Holland 6-3 in group three while the United Arab Emirates, who are coached by Doug Mountjoy, a former United Kingdom champion from

Pontypool, surprisingly defeated China 5-4 in group C.
Darren Morgan, the world.
No 9, played a captain's innings by winning all three of his frames against Raymon Fabrie, Mario Wermann and Johan Oenema. In doing so he also compiled breaks of 67, 44, 50 and 53.

Anthony Davies, of Barry, also won two frames but Mark Williams, jaded as a result of his triumph in the Grand Prix at Bournemouth five days ago, lost to Fabric the world No 261 and to Wermann ranked No 287.

Mountjoy, 54, now resides in Dubai, where his vast experience and technical knowledge have proved invaluable to Masood Akil, an accountant, Mohammed Sultan Al Joker, a policeman, and Mohammed Shabab, a university student, who comprise the UAE team.

China may not be repre-sented by household names but their growing reputations were enhanced by an unexpected 5-4 victory over Thailand, the tournament's fifth

seeds on Tuesday.

The Republic of Ireland moved to the head of group A with a 7-2 victory over Belgium. Despite the margin, the scoreline flattered the trio of Ken Doherty, Fergal O'Brien, and Stephen Murphy. Murphy and O'Brien were

beaten in two of the opening Doherty to pull things round.

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Struggling • holders face test in cup

By COLL MACDOUGALL

THE focus this weekend is on the first-round ties in the north and south of Scotland knockout charopionships for the Bank of Scotland MacTavish and Glasgow Celtic Society cups, but there may not be too many of the 12 ties played as heavy rain and strong winds have caused flooding over the past few days and are forecast to continue over the weekend.

Fort William, controversial winners of the MacTavish Cup, meet Lovat in what should be a relatively easy passage to the next round for another straightforward tie against Caberfeidh or

Nothing, however, seems easy for the Lochaber side, which has seen its challenge for the Premier League slip away with three defeats in their past four league

Although Ally Ferguson. their new manager, has an excellent squad of high-quality players on which to call, they have been strangely reticent on the field.

Lovat, even though playing in the first division, are not an easy side to contain and they have always proved difficult for Fort William to defeat. With these niggling thoughts at the back of their minds, it will be no surprise if the champions are held level at An Aird, or go out in the first round.

inveraray, holders of the Celtic Society Cup — the sport's oldest trophy — for the past two years, have a bye into the second round, and Oban Camanachd, losing finalists for the past two years, face Glasgow University, who have not played so far this SEASON .

The students should not present any problems for the Scottish champions, who have seen their fortunes flourish recently with a run of confidence-boosting league vic-tories. None of the other ties in this competition look like producing close contests.

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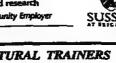
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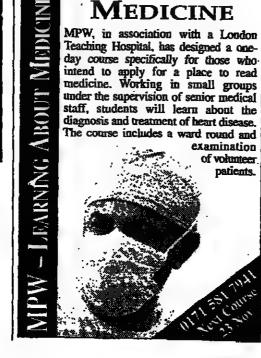
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Stonewall Smith takes leave of hot seat at Lord's

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

ALAN SMITH, very much the pointed as the TCCB's first face and voice of English cricket administration during the past decade of hectic evolution, left his office at mittees, he was seen as a Lord's for the last time yesterday. The retiring Smith is succeeded by Tim Lamb, who will become the initial chief executive of the English Cricket Board when it replaces the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) on January, I.

Struggling holders face test

Smith, 60 last week, has spent all his adult years in cricket, the past 20 of them in administration, which is an abiding mystery to him for he confidently expected to go into advertising "after a couple of years of county cricket". He played six Test matches

for England on the 1962-63 tour of Australia and New Zealand. A wicketkeeper-batsman, he would occasionally switch to bowling at medium pace, off the wrong foot, and once removed his pads to claim a hat-trick against Essex

After 11 years as secretary of Warwickshire, Smith was ap-

chief executive in 1987. Having served as a selector and tour manager, and on various comnatural choice, not least for his gift of stonewalling diploma-cy. The credit with which he emerges from his post is demonstrated by the rare hon-our of a farewell dinner in the

Long Room on November 12. He has frequently likened his duties to those of a civil servant and accepts that he



Smith: staying involved

England A indebted to composed Shah

OWAIS SHAH, the highly regarded Middlesex teenager, scored an assured 76 to prevent England A from starting their tour of Australia in dismal fashion yesterday.

Shah, 18, hit il fours and was comfortably the top scorer as England A limped to 155 for nine in 69.2 overs on the first day of their four-day match against a New South Wales XI in Tamworth. Play was ended 90 minutes early. by a hailstorm.

Craig White, of Yorkshire, made the only other notable contribution, scoring 33 in a 60-run partnership with Shah, but the remainder of England A's batsmen failed to trouble an inexperienced side.
Stuart MacGill, rated by
many Australians as their
best spinner behind Shaire

while Dave Freedman, the left-arm spinner, took two for 21. MacGill included 13 maidcus in his two spells, and accounted for Mark Butcher with a superb flipper:

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acquired unpopularity, especially among those who hardly knew him, through the misconception that he wielded personal power, rather than acting as a mouthpiece for the disparate Board structure. This regularly obliged him to represent views and decisions with which he disagreed, something he carried off with such consummate skill that he invariably got the blame when things went awry.

A man of honesty, integrity and far more warmth than he has usually been credited with, Smith admits: "I am sure I made mistakes from time to time, probably too many, and I have not always enjoyed the job, especially when the England team has done poorly. But I have always slept well because there are a lot of nice people in this

Smith has been a creature of routine, habitually arriving at Lord's before 9am and seldom leaving before 7.30pm. He preferred to keep his family home, first in Warwickshire and latterly in the Cotswolds, rather than uproot to London and, although he is looking forward to a degree of retirement — "improving my golf and trying to do the garden" — he will not be lost to the game.

"Cricket is in my blood and I shall always be involved. I intend to take a couple of months for myself, in which I shall not consider any offers, but I don't feel ready to stop work entirely and I am sure I shall be doing something next

"Contrary to popular opin-ion, I riever had time to watch cricket while doing this job and I am looking forward to doing that now, especially getting around some county championship games. I shall also spend some time in the Lord's library, because I am fascinated by the history of the game." It would be surprising. however, if Smith, widely misunderstood and underestimated, does not reappear in a more official capacity come



Edberg on course to bow out in style

FROM ALIR BLUESAY IN PARIS

IN WHAT has become a distinctly thin field, Stefan Edberg has become the sentimental favourite for the Paris Open title. It has been a strange week so far, with the top players looking tired, out of sorts or just plain bored as the season draws to a close. But, for Edberg, there is still everything to play for. He has only the rest of his week in Paris, next week in Stockholm and the Davis Cup final left before he retires and he wants to end his impressive career

with a win. With the favourites contin-uing to crash out — Wayne Ferreira, Todd Martin and Felix Mantilla all failed to reach the quarter-finals yesterday, leaving only four seeded players — Edberg must feel

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that he has a real chance. Yet. playing Fernon Wibier, from Holland, a chap whose greatincluding the Paris Open. est claim to fame this year is a runner's-up spot at the Manchester Challenger tour-However, when it came to

danger of missing the boat. Given his chance to play in front of a big crowd for big money and big ranking points, Wibier soon shook off his initial stage fright and relaxed to take the first set and an early lead in the second.

nament, the Swede, too, was in

At the age of 25, Wibier is a late starter in tennis at the top level. He is ranked No 211 in the world and, throughout his career, he never managed to break out of that bracket. Things got worse last year as he dropped to No 480, so he decided to change tack. He started working with Rohan Goetzke, Richard Krajicek's coach, and went back to his studies. Happy with life, his tennis improved and he began to qualify for bigger events.

the crunch, Edberg was not going to go quietly. He finally found a way past Wibier's service to level the second set at 3-3 and then started to move

up a gear to take it 6-4. Breaking Wibier again early in the third set, he took charge,

nailing the passing shots that had escaped him early on and leaving his tall opponent stranded with a succession of lobs. Despite being three weeks from retirement, Edberg showed Wibier who was the boss, going through 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

"I am not going to have many more opportunities." he said. I would be happy to go out with a win at any one of the tournaments - this week, next week or Davis Cup."

Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the No 4 seed, quickly followed up Edberg's success. He took a little over an hour to dispose of MaliVai Washington, seeded 13, 6-4, 6-3 and put himself on course for a Paris double. Five months ago he beat Michael Stich at Roland Garros to claim his first grand slam title and last night he never looked likely to be troubled.

Meanwhile, the British interest in Paris may have ended on the opening night with the departure of Tim Hemnan. but next week promises more. Henman will play in Moscow while Greg Rusedski has gained direct entry into the Stockholm Open.

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Fairclough aims to finish with flourish

LORA FAIRCLOUGH, of Britain, is strongly placed to overturn a disappointing season after an opening round of 70 in the Spanish golf open at La Manga Club yesterday. The Lancashire player is in a chasing group of five, one stroke behind Caryn Louw, the South African leader.

Fairclough's form slumped earlier this year as she unsuccessfully tried to retain her Solheim Cup place. She said: "I was devastated missing out, but I put too much pressure on myself. But life is fun again now, I hit 17 greens in regulation today and dropped only one shot, when I drove into a bunker at the

Trish Johnson, the tournament favourite, looking for her fourth victory of the year, is three strokes off the lead after a round of 72

Syed drops out

Table tennis: Matthew Syed has pulled out of the England team for the Italian Open. starting in Bolzano today. The England No I, who has a leg injury, hopes to be fit for the European League promotion clash with Slovakia on November 8. However, Carl Prean makes his comeback in Italy for England after a 17-

Change at top

Squash: For the first time in nearly four years, positions at the top of women's international squash have changed, with Sarah FitzGerald, Australia's new world open champion, taking top position on the new Wispa world ranking list. Cassandra Jackman, o England, moves up to thind.

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Pullin through

Tennis: Julie Pullin, from Sussex, who beat Clare Wood, the national champion, 6-2, 6-1 yesterday, will meet Denisa Chladkova, the No I seed, from the Czech Republic, in the quarter-finals of the LTA Ladies Challenger in Edinburgh today.

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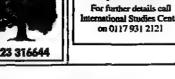
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Oscar Schindler has the locals running scared

or a nation which relishes any opportunity to portray the Reliable portray the British as a bunch of whingeing Poms, the Australians themselves are coming dangerously close to a collective moan. The Foster's Melbourne Cup, the race which traditionally brings Australia to a standstill, may be four days away, but the outcome of the 24-runner handicap is already a foregone conclusion if you believe racing's professionals here.

Oscar Schindler, the Irish raider attempting to emulate the historic feat of Vintage Crop three years ago, will not just win their biggest race next Tuesday — he will walk it. according to those who should

Gai Waterhouse, a vivacious trainer hitherto sound of mind and limb, announced, in all seriousness, that the Irish St Leger winner "has got 50" lengths on the Australian and New Zealand horses.

That suggestion is nearly as preposterous as the favourable comparison made earlier this week between Oscar Schinder and Phar Lap, the greatest racehorse to have graced the

last year's Cup runner-up, terday by Cummings, the leg-

Nothin' Leica Dane, believes that Jim Bowler, the Victoria Racing Club (VRC) handicapper. has given Oscar Schindler far too little weight. The alloca-tion of 56.5kg — Sst 13ib — was made before he won the Irish St Leger and finished a close third in the Arc. just behind Pilsudski, the subsequent Breeders Cup Turl winner, "It is disappointing because

we all work very hard for this race all year and then you get an outsider pitched into the event," she said. Her grumble finds an echo among many of her training colleagues, in-cluding Bart Cummings and Lee Freedman.

Yet the whining sits alongside genuine fascination with Oscar Schindler and the two other European runners, Grey Shot and Court Of Honour.

The build-up to the race has been dominated by the trio of northern hemisphere horses. while the far-sighted decision by the VRC to encourage international competition for the race has unquestionably captured the public imaginanon and added an extra dimension to the Melbourne

The dichotomy in attitude Waterhouse, who trained was summarised perfectly yes-

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On a home team fearful of resounding defeat

endary trainer nicknamed the "Cup King", who has won this race nine times since 1965. Asked about the international element to the two-mile race. he said approvingly: "It's all right - if they don't beat us." A life-size replica of the

Melbourne Cup, valued at E15.000, was commissioned a few years back in anticipation of a tenth Cummings-inspired victory. While he is the first to acknowledge Oscar Schindler

is well treated, he is hopeful that a horse called Saintly and the guardian angel, which invariably comes to the rescue of handicappers internationally, could see the gold cup being sted down and presented to

him next Tuesday.

The reason for the extreme optimism for your horse is the apparent leniency of the handicapper," Cummings said. "Since the handicap was done he has gone ahead by leaps and bounds. Even if the horse had 57.5 or 58kg, he would still be one of the favouriles." The trainer added: "He's

very well weighted but my experience over the years is that when this happens the handicapper is protected; something always happens and he is saved by some fate." Freedman, who saddles last

year's winner. Doriemus. highlighted one of the poten-tial stumbling blocks: "I would say formwise Oscar Schindler has not got a problem in the world. He is beautifully weighted, but it is a matter of how a four-year-old entire settles in after a 12,000 mile iourney.

Kevin Prendergast, trainer of Oscar Schindler, concurs. Apart from the travel, the

thermometer is due to touch 30C tomorrow, which is in stark contrast to the wintry conditions which prevailed when his stable star left Ireland ten days ago.

At his best. Prendergast admits, Oscar Schindler must have a very good chance, but he winces at the memoon of 50 lengths. What about 25?, an Australian television reporter asked. "How about a neck," came the reply.
Oliver Lehane, owner of the

3-1 favourite, is slightly more bullish. "If you don't back him. don't back anything to beat him," he said at Flemington racecourse yester-

Ian Balding is happy with Grey Shot, his Goodwood Cup winner, but would dearly love some rain to ease the ground. which is "like a motorway" according to local riders. Even so, he finds it hard to see his stayer outgunning the Irish horse. Our only chance is that Oscar Schindler has not run over two miles. Maybe he won't get the trip," he said, hopefully.

Coral yesterday cut Oscar Schindler to 11-4 (from 100-30). Other prices: 11-2 Dorietmus, 7-1 Nothin' Leica Dane, 8-1 Saintly, Senator.



Prendergast runs a hand over Oscar Schindler after a gentle workout yesterday

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BUNKERED FIRST TIME: Bangor: 1.10 Little Embers, Newmerket: 3.05 Kilculien Led. 3.40 Dark Truffle, Swretta. 4.15 Ar Wing, Sistar Act.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

Recogned autobies. Does in brighalts. Sur Square form (if — lieft. P — purient ligh. U — unseated index B — stronglis down S — stroped to R — released. D — prospedition(). Horse's name. Days since lost outling: J if gumps. F if fielt. FB — planters. V — viscin M — bound E — Fryschield. C — churting winner. D — distance winner. CD courte and distance water. Ef - beiter. course and accionce was an extension of the power in the state sizes. Earny on which horse has won (F — first, good to first, hand, G — grad 8 — solt, good to safe, beauty). Owner is hearth's. Transer, Age and weight, fiding this hay accounted the Times Private Handicateur's stating.

4.15 AVENUE APPRENTICE HANDICAP

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1	(11)		BROTHER ROY 8 (T MAIS) T MILL 9-7 A Daly
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- 1	(21)		APR VANAS S (V.C) IP Butts) at Tomphine 9-6
4	1183	640506	SISTAR ACT 3 (V.F.S.) (T Curby) M Champs 9-6
- 5	(9)	03-2050	COMMIN' UP 102 (House Report J Hills 9-6 R Project (3)
ě	(12)		CHIRARDL 7 (P) (T Corners) Clement 9-5
7	(13)		PEPPERS 7 (N. Nelmes-Crother) K Burles 9-5
à	(15)		WHISPERING DAWN 3 (BF.6.5) (W Porsorby) M Chancer 9-4 _ P F Marphy
9	(5)		VOCCOOL ROCKET 115 (R Wood) J Gozden B-1
10	(1)		NIGHT OF GLASS 18 (V.F) IN SAMESHED D MINNES 9-0 A SAMENY IST
11	1177		ALLSTARS ROCKET 13 (F) (D Samuel T Nacidian 3-10 T Fassey
12	(4)		PERPETUAL LIGHT 55 (G) (Fox Post Partners) J Comm 8-10
13	(H)	1012200	JEAN PERRE (P Bornes) J Pearce 8-10
14		000000	SCRETAR IR Marchent P Makin 8-8
	[1]		LOCH STYLE IJ Wilcox A Holinchest 8-5
15	(3)		ORE IN THE EYE (7 Armony) J Paulon 8-0
16	(18)		HADADABBLE (Fun Maragers) Pat Maksini 7-13
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18	(3)		SHOULDBEGGEY (B Lavy) W May 7-13.
19	(20)	3-40050	RANKY (Consulto LM) O Nicholis 7-12
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SROTHER ROY 81 5th of 14 to Cariyon Cretik in treation at Pontehol (1m. good) on persiturate start. DAMEDRA 61 2nd of 13 to Don Bosso in marked at Caterric 171 good to knot an paradisem start. WHIS CREMIC GAMEN share 21 the of 19 to Power Game in cleares of Unicesiar (1m. part) and AIR Vising 11th paradise of) 17 1 this AULSTARS INCOMES 22 and 17 to The Marring on bandings at Woherheropton (AW. 1m. 100)yds).

Lear White has Turin target

LEAR WHITE, the Paul Kelleway-trained Goodwood Cup runner-up, is likely favourize for the St Leger Italiano (Im 62f) in Turin today. The Newmarket-based horse, the mount of Fernando Jovine, is expected to gain a first win of the season. Kelleway also sends the unraced Alcalali (Olivier Doleuze), joining Peter Chapple-Hyam's Voyagers Quest (John Reid), for the group one Criterium de Saint-Cloud (1 m) tomorrow.

WETHERBY

1.30 Highbank. 2.00 Golden Hello. 2.35 Tara Rambler. 3,10 Konvekta King. 3.45 Chopwell Curteins. 4.20 Smart Approach.

.30 LINTON FOUR-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP HURDLE

2-5 Golden Hello 3-1 Millulla, 10-1 Change Line, 14-1 Flat Top.

2.00 WETHERBY NOVICES CHASE

2.35 GREEN HAMMERTON HANDICAP HURDLE

3.10 HARRY WHARTON MEMORIAL HANDICAP 1 F38- KONVEKTA KING 244 (D.F.E.S) D Stevenod 8-11-10

2 11-2 POLITICAL TOWER 21 (CD.8F.F.Q.S) R None 9-11-2 A Dothan 6 3 122- ALIADEER 207 (B.F.S) M Vr Experty 7-10-4 . A Magnite 9 4 12-3 REGAL ROMPER 20 (D.F.Q) No. 5 Strain 6-10-2 ... R Guess 6 2-1 Kornelda King, 9-4 Alladier, 3-1 Political Toxes, 4-1 Resal Restaur.

1 90-1 THE LAST RUNG 20 (F G) Mrs S Smith 6-11-5...... R Goget (B) 2 F221 YOUNG DUBLINER 20 (F,5) E BOQUE (NE) 7-11-5. A MAQUNE — 3 132- CHOPWELL CURTAINS 294 (F,6) T Eisterby 6-11-0... L Wyer — 4 3-52 COMMANDEET 19 (5) Mass M Milligan 6-11-0... A 5 Smith 62 1-8 Chapmell Curtures, 2-1 Young Dublines, 9-4 The Last Fling, 14-1

7-4 Julis Absent, 5-2 Smari Approach 3-7 Proble Beach, 5-1 Mister Bible, 14-1 Queen's Award, 33-1 Quivall Crossett.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANERS: Mrs M Reveloy, 46 winners from 158 natures, 29 1%, T Exclerby, 5 from 20, 75,0%, M W Easterby, 13 from 104, 12 5%, G Moore, 6 from 51, 11 8%, P Beaumont, 5 from 45, 71 1%

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Nottingham Going: good to soft

Geing: good to soft

1.00 (8) 15 nd 1. CRAIGIEVAR (D. Harrison, 3-1 (Harr). Our Mowmerfort
Correspondent's nap): 2. Sharp Return (A. McCardy, 16-1), 3. Balladoole Bajan (J. Weavar, 6-1), 4.150 Flah? 3. Halladoole Bajan (J. Weavar, 6-1), 4.150 Flah? 1.140 Pethe Darsausa, 13-2 Farthrodon Future (6th), 10 Bold Spring, 12 Soariet Lake, 14 Heavenly Miss (5th), Slap N Go (4th), 16 Sparkling Harry, 20 C-Harry, Puzzlement, 25 Threeplay 13 rans. NR: Myrmoton, Robec Gril 51, 21, 41, hd, 294 J. Farishave at Newmental. Tota: £4.50, £2.20, £5.00, £3 40, DF £56 50, Tito £136 00 CSF £51 15 Tincait. £276.50.

231 15 Tincart; £276.50.

1.30 (81 fsyct) 1, ASTRAC (K Fallon, 8-1); 2, Top Beneria (L. James, 8-1); 3, Montendre (J Red, 13-2) ALSO RAN 10-11 fav Easy Option (9th), 5-2 The Puzzler (5th) 50 The Happy Fox (6th), Willow Date (00 Hosnie Native, 8 ran 31, Ind. 5/, 21, 4/ Miss G Netwesy at Wincombe Tote £8.90; £2.60. £2.40. £1.80 DF £50.30. CSF \$65.04

CSF 195.04
2.00 (6f 15yd) 1. RESTLESS SPIRIT (J. Weaver, 6-1); 2. Ursa Matjor (J. Reid, 8-1), J. Savoria (M. Roberts, 11-1). ALSO RAM 13-8 fav Tal-Y-Upr (40t), 5 Mujova, 11-2 The Gay Foo. 9 Key Lago (6th), 12 Secret Combe (5th), 20 Boater 9 ran 21, 1141, 1-1 hd, 21 M. Johnston at Middleham. Totay 65 90; 97 80. 9230. 12 70. 0F 227 60 Tio 6145 50 (part won, Pool of 9125.09 camed forward to 4-15 Newmarket looday). CSF, 825 13.

CSF. ESS 13.

2.30 (Im 8l 15vd) 1. SWEETNESS HERSELF (M Band. 5-2 leav. 2. Stege Perilous (k Fallon, 10-11, 3. Paradise Newy (Sophie Michell, 16-1), 4. Compass Pointer (March Dwer, 16-1), 4. Compass Princip (Str), 12. Children's Choice 16. Bob's Ploy, Debutante Dwer, Princip (Str), 12. Children's Choice 16. Bob's Ploy, Debutante Dwer, Princip (Str), 4. Children's Choice 16. Bob's Ploy, Debutante Dwer, Princip (Str), 5. Children's Choice 16. Bob's Ploy, Debutante Dwer, Princip (Str), 5. Children's Choice 16. Bob's Ploy, Debutante Dwer, Princip (Str), 5. Children's Choice 16. Bob's Ploy, Debutante Dwer, Princip (Str), 5. Children's Choice 16. Bob's Ploy, Debutante Dwer, Princip (Str), 5. Children's Choice 16. Bob's Ploy, Debutante Dwer, Princip (Str), 5. Children's Choice 16. Bob's Ploy, Debutante Dwer, Princip (Str), 5. Children's Choice 16. Bob's Ploy, Debutante Dwer, Princip (Str), 5. Children's Choice 16. Bob's Ploy, Debutante Dwer, Princip (Str), 5. Children's Choice 16. Bob's Ploy, Debutante Dwer, Princip (Str), 5. Children's Choice 16. Bob's Ploy, Dwer, Princip (Str), 5. Children's Choice 16. Bob's Ploy, Dwer, Princip (Str), 5. Children's Choice 16. Bob's Ploy, Dwer, Princip (Str), 5. Children's Choice 16. Bob's Ploy, Dwer, Princip (Str), 5. Children's Choice 16. Bob's Ploy, Dwer, Princip (Str), 5. Children's Choice 16. Bob's Ploy, Dwer, Princip (Str), 5. Children's Choice 16. Bob's Ploy, Dwer, Princip (Str), 5. Children's Choice 16. Bob's Ploy, Dwer, Princip (Str), 5. Children's Choice 16. Bob's Ploy, Dwer, Princip (Str), 5. Children's Choice 16. Bob's Ploy, Princip (Str), 5. Children's Choice 16. Bob's Ploy,

RICHARD EVANS Nap: BALALAIKA

Stratford Golny: good

Council (2m 6! 110yd hdle) 1, Caroln's Crusadis (D'Fort, 5-!), 2, Flying Guinter (5-13 lav), 3, General Moulder (13-2) 11 ran. Sh hd. 18L D Gandollo Yote, 27-50: £1.10, £1.20, £1.20 DF £2.90 Tinn £5.10. CSF £7-84.

220 (2m 11 110yd cn) 1. Callege Bay (J Osborns, 4-7 (av) 2. Southermolon (2-1), 3. Thumbs Up (6-1) 3 nm. 2, 29, 0 Sherwood Take, 52 00, 0P 61,50 CSF-52.07

Gung, good (0 wm 1.10 (2m 11 hole) 1, Ply To The End (L Wyer, 10-1) 2. Cover Girl (5-4 lan, 3, Carton Lady (33-1), 10 ren 31, 141. J Ouron Tote. £11 10: £2.00, £1.20, £5.20 DF £7.00 Tino £75.50 goart wom. Pool of £55.71 carned lowered to 4.15 Newmarket today) CSF £21.85, Tricast, £373.22. No bd

23.02. £1 60, £1 10 EP = 34 CS+ 7. Tribune (M. Foster, 20-1), 2. Twin Felbs (7-2 §-lae), 3. Commander Glon (7-2 §-lae), 7-can, 41 ni., C. Thomton Tole \$25, 50, 25 40, £2.20, DF: 522.30 CSF 50.292, 3.10 (3m 3i ch) 1. Blazong Dawn (B. Storey, 9-2), 2. Ole Ole •20-1/5.5. Jerolee (5-4 lae), 5 can 18, 351 J. Hubblack, 101e; £4.30, £3.50, £5.00 DF: £15.80, CSF £08.25.

15:00 OF \$15.00 CSF 0/0325.
3,40 (2n ST ch) 1. Notable Exemption (P. Norm. 65 Lart. 2 Le Denstart (4-1); 3, Kennare Piver (46-1); 30 rán. 1%, 101 Mrs. MR refs); 700 E 1 de 51.00 E 1.40, E3.40.
DF \$4.30 Trice \$40.80 CSF: 26.15 DF 54.30 (FO EVENUEL CART, 20.15)
4.10 (2m if fati 1, Brighter Strate (C. McCowtack, 7-2), 2, Blood Bretter (3-1), 3, Gazzana (10-11 ka) 6 can NR: Autonan, 7, 2-5, Mrs M Reveloy Tote 63.30, 62.80, 61.80 DF 64.30, CSF, 613.87. Quadpoit £52.60

BANGOR THUNDERER 1.10 Indrapura, 1.40 Too Plush, 2.10 Around The Gale, 2.45 Ramsdens, 3.20 by House, 3.55 Pridewood Picker, 4.30 Larkshill,

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

1.10 HALLIWELL LANDAU NOVICES GLAMING HURDLE (£2,850* 2m 1f) (14 numers)

4-5 Indiagra, 5-1 Becquest, 6-1 Hight Best, 8-1 Heistricht, 10-1 high Perry, Calibury, 12-1 Young Berson, 14-1 offers 1.40 corbett bookmakers handicap chase

9.4 Major Bell, 4-1 Complexigh, 5-1 Rostic Alc, 6-1 Ten Pluch, 8-1 Austern, Real Glee, 18-1 offers

2.10 JONES PECKOVER HOVICES CHASE (£4,033: 2m 1i 110yd) (11)

6-4 Subleme Fellow, 7-4 Accord The Sale, 8-1 Halyson, 10-1 Jyanpon Japany. Maryerota, 14-1 Robers, 28-1 athers.

2.45 HERSON CORBOLD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,927: 2m 4f) (10)

3.20 TARPORLEY HUNT HANDICAP CHASE

3-1 Audrus, Princes, 4-1 by House, 5-1 Baby Closer, 5-1 Febry Park, 7-1 Breadley House, 8-1 Besillost, 10-1 others 3.55 STANLEY LEISURE HANDICAP HURDLE

2-1 Centaur Euress, 7-2 Cooley's Yahe, 4-1 United Fouri, 6-1 Taresee, 8-1 Dates, 9-1 Best, Pridewood Picter, 10-1 Hackelts Cotes, 14-1 attess.

4.30 BANGOR INTERMEDIATE OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,721: 2m 1f) (18) ## FLAT RACE (E1,721: 2m 1f) (18)

1 216- JOHNNY-K 202 (5) D Nicholson 5-11-11

215 RED TB. 15 (8F.F) M Pice 4-11-11

B BARSETTS BDV 3 J Bacilly 4-11-4

RFF- HESH HAMDED 181P 7 Calchell 5-11-4

KYLE DAND F Jondon 4-11-4

LARSCHALL J Fizzgacid 5-11-4

MY SHEMANDORAH 10 Divs 5-11-4

SCHOLAR GRIEEN 8 Yardey 4-11-4

SOUNDPOST D Mobils 4-11-4

THE SECRET GREY 224 D MCCin 5-11-4

WELSH SELK D Gandrin 4-11-4

ZANDER N SILK O Gandrin 4-11-4

ZANDER N TWISTON-Dacks 4-11-4

BARCEN T SU MINISTER 4-11-4

BARCEN T 20 J Mackle 4-10-13

CALLENDOS J Incontra 6-10-13

O PULICIAMAS 48 J L PRINS 6-10-13

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS. D Micholson. 12 winders from 39 minutes, 30.8%; M Pipe. 19 from 66, 28.8%; J Bizarkey, 5 from 24, 20.8%; N Twistop-Davies, 12 imm 60, 20.0%; D Gardotio, 4 from 21, 19.0%, J Majckle, 9 from 49, 18.4%.

Danoli's chasing debut

DANOLI, the high-class frish-trained hurdler. makes his debut over the larger obstacles in the London Heathrow Captain Christy Steeple-chase over 2½ miles at Clonmel this afternoon. Tom Foley's popular charge, who is likely to 11-4 Ramsters, 7-2 thillo Mary Dall. 4-1 Camile's Boy, 6-1 Stantes, 7-1 Zogian, 8-1 Markies Back, 10-1 offices. start a short-priced favourite, faces 12 opponents.

Astrac upsets Bin Suroor's hopes

tempt to strengthen his train- have found the ideal opening ers championship claims ended in a damp squib at rainswept Nottingham

The former Dubai police-man, £31,659 ahead of Henry

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for pattern-race sprinter Easy Options in the six-furiong Sneinton Conditions Stakes, worth £5,038 to the winner.

But Frankie Dettori's mount, fourth in the last two runnings of the Prix de l'Abbaye at Longchamp. was ominously easy to back for the Nottingham race, drifting from 5-2 on to 11-10 on. The filly never seemed happy on the soft ground, finishing fourth behind Astrac and adding just £379 to Bin Suroor's prize-money tally. inquiry, Dettori reported that Easy Options failed to stay the

Astrac. who justified a 400-

Whiteombe in seeing off Top Banana by three lengths, was winning for the first time since he took the Wokingham at Royal Ascot for Reg Akehurst in 1995.

Dettori gained some com-pensation for his defeat when length victory over Jaunty Jack in a driving finish to the Netherfield Maiden Stakes.

forcing the two-year-old Desert Horizon to a half-

(1.55 Newmarket)

Nen best: Orthestra Stall

C20, 25.70 DF 238 20 Trio 2281.00 CSF: 234 60. Timest 238 17
3.00 (Im 54ych) 1. DESERT HORIZON IL Detion: 9-4 (F-law), 2 Jaunity Jack (O Urbina, 100-30), 3, Souar (D McKeown, 33-1) ALSO RANK 9-4 (F-law) Eshipaal (Sh), 11-2 Firming Around (4m), 10 Outlienflee (6th), 20 Norminator Lad Ramillee, Regist, 25 Fruite O Flamety, 33 Kristopher, 50 T-N-7 Express, Therita IIII 13 ram MR. Chanottle's Decrear Vet. 44, sh bd. 1.2 J. Gosden at Newmentel Tote 25 (D. 2.1 70. C1 10, C10.20. DF 28.20. Trio 2211 20 (part sort Pool of 28.49 campad forward (o 4 15 Newmentel Tote). CSF £11 58, 3.30 (Im 54ych) 1. SCEMICRIS (F. Lynch, 8-1); 2. Agent (J. Chemicot, 10-1), 3. Parase (Pat Eddey, 100, 30 far); 4 Betton (Oane O Mell, 14-1), ALSO RAN 4 Waypoint, 11-2 Mono Lady (6th), 8 Outen's insignia, Winnebago, 14 Gay's Gambie, 16 Brighton Road, Spring Campaign, 33 Sirraly, 40 Eccentric Dancer, Lomond Lassan, Nessas Star. Onole, Petro Herister (5th), 17 ram MR. Rothley Imp. 345, nt., 1, 244, 294 R Hothersneed an Upper Longdon, Toter (28.6), 52.20, 62.20, c19.0, 62.20. 0F. 549 30 Trio 5113.70. CSF, 538.29 Jnest (200.1)

Jackpot: not won (pool of £6,236.14 carried forward to Newmarket roday) Placeont, £985,50.

17 84. 1.50 (2m 110)cl holls) 1 Severn Gale (A P McCoy, 9-4 law), 2 Garlier's Gart (9-1), 3, My Harverski (20-1) 11 san 151, 6t P Nicholls, Tote (22.0): E1 60, E 7 70, E4.30 DF E1.90, Thor E34 40, CSF: £21.25.

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Clubs finding

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A progresses, we are forced to observe

many dilemmas which no

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it. But who would have

imagined the inflationary

fees that have replaced the

mythical, modest brown en-

velopes? What we are now

seeing is not the birth pangs

but the beginnings of a

tortuous evolution. As each

week passes, so another pre-

Earlier this week - and

for the second time this

season - Wasps found that

their opponents did not want

to play them. West Hartle-

pool pulled out and, as a

result, were asked to forfeit

their league points. Neath, in

similar circumstances, with-

drew earlier this season and

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Emotional torture price of being too reliant on Robins

ix weeks into this bizarre assignment, and a few significant footie moments have now taken place, which indicate how life has been irrevocably transformed. Allow me to describe them.

One: On Wednesday night I dream of Alan Shearer, although curiously he is working in a furniture shop (quite happily), so perhaps it does

Two: Finding myself among unfamiliar men on Tuesday, and listening vaguely to their excluding chat, my ears pick out Le Tissier and I feel jolly smug. (It is like suddenly miraculously - being able to eavesdrop on people talking Portuguese).

Three: At a publishing party on a night of Coca-Cola Cop matches, I produce the famous BT pager from my pocket, flourish half-time scores to general amazement, and find myself instantly the most pop-ular female author in the

Football is thus beginning to invade night life, social life and professional life and, if nothing else, it proves that pleasant American proverb: "weird happens". Not that I can quite get used to it.

Taking my friend. Kate, to her first football match at Bristol City last Saturday, 1 was in the unlikely (nay, almost impossible) position of knowing more than somebody else, and this unearned superiority gave me a permanent sensation of vertigo. "Er, you see those little perspex busshelters?" I whispered during the warm-up, pointing confidentially. "That's where they keep the spares." Kate looked at me with admiration mixed

with pity, which was nice. Luckily, no awkward questions about corners were raised by my wide-eyed neo-phyte, because to be honest I am still a bit hazy about that technical stuff. I may know a little about Matthew Le Tissier, but corners are something else. The more arcane. rules will sort of seep in gradLYNNE TRUSS



Kicking and Screaming

have authority in other areas. The ref points in the direction of play," I explained.

those red, red Robins of Bristol City scored four goals in the first half against Notes County, which was pretty exciting. You have to stand up now," I informed Kate, as the first, surprising goal went in (Shaun Goater in the seventh minute), but she was on her feet already, yelling "Yest" so I addressed my words to the hem of her coat.

There are two big footie predicaments for me at the moment one is that I somehow neglected to support a team from earliest youth, and cannot now bring myself to be arbitrary with a pin and a blindfold. The other is that the personnel of football keep hopping about like fleas, transferring hither and you without a thought for the person with wild hair trying to

Take Nick Barmby. It has taken me six weeks to establish who Nick Barmby is, and now ... well he isn't. These france swapsies should be done all together at half-term, in my opinion. It is chaos

Still, it adds to the mystery of football supporting that fans put up with all this unpredictable insy-only. Bristol City look like a good, solid team to support, for example, and coachieads of small, fa-natical children packed our stand last Saturday, yelling Off, off, off in high (and rather sinister) voices, spunding like a mass denunciation during the Chinese Cultural

Revolution. But how does a child decide to support Bristol City instead of Chelsea or Newcastle United? Isn't it dispiriting for those poor little chickens to know that if Goater turns out to be a topclass player (he scored a hattrick on Saturday), inevitably he will be bijacked by a club with a bigger wallet? In theory, such continuel

sacrifice should make supporters into better people: they would sing bravely "We don't want to lose you but we think you ought to go", while educating their souls through pain. But patently, that does not happen, so perhaps the system just trains young men never to get emotionally attached.

Either way (I am in deep waters here), the transfer system will certainly present problems for me, in selecting a team to support. I would be choosing the players, you see, and getting attached. Then, when they moved on, I would have to spend a fortune on shrinks exploring abandon-

Back at Ashton Gate, a splendid first half used up all the available steam, leaving the remainder a bit flat, but the Robins were rightly chipper with the result. which brought their goal total for the season to an almost reckless 29. Saturday was the sort of famous day when fans would storm the club shop to buy Bristol City duvet covers, I expect, or those desirable Bristol City cotton curtains (with

The visiting Magples were sparse and unhappy, but since they had brought with them banners saying "Murphy out", they evidently had their minds elsewhere. All in all, a satisfactory afternoon. When Kate did not understand a line

tie-backs).



Something to shout about: a Bristol City fan celebrates a goal against Notts County

barking officiously, "Offside, he was offside!" as though !

had been doing it all my life.

So the world is changing and it is becoming the world according to football. When I scan television listings. I no longer pass blankly over the football matches, as though par-blind; instead, I grab a highlight pen.

of British geography is turn-ing crazily inside out, like a hoover bag with all the grey, wobbly stuff on the outside. Wolverhampton is now a town attached to Molineux; Southampton borders The Dell, but luckily does not impinge.

And Bristol, which previously meant the Clifton Sus-

in Bristol Zoo, and Isambard Kingdom Brunel in a shiny top hat, now mainly exists as Ashton Gate - a secret stadium without signposts in a remote suburb unvisited by

to postpone their encounter in the Anglo-Welsh League. In all three instances, the reason for the postponement was the same. Because of numerous injuries, these clubs lacked a full comple-

We do not mention Bristol Rovers, you notice. Those Gasheads. Absurd, irrational loyalty just has to start

ment of front-row forwards. Wasps - Harlequins kept quiet and rearranged the

the centre and James Topping at left wing — the Ireland team to play Western Samoa under floodlights at Lansdowne

Road next Tuesday week is

otherwise surpisingly similar to the side which lost 28-15 to

England at Twickenham last

March. There are four

changes, one of them enforced,

as long-term injury has ruled

Simon Geoghegan out of

Only one alteration has

been made in the pack, where

the off-form Victor Costello

has lost out at No 8 to Paddy

lobus. The other changes

bring Richard Wallace in at

right wing instead of Geoghegan, Topping for Niall

contention.

fixture — may have felt miffed but, in the present circumstances, they surely have no recourse to compensation, financial or otherwise. Their prospective oppo-

their obligations under the laws of the international Board. These stipulate that a team nominating 21 players, which include substitutes. should have five players who can play in the front row.

"We found ourselves in an impossible position," Gareth Davies, the Cardiff chief executive, said. "We have seven front-row forwards in our squad but only one was fit to play. We had no alternative. We were fortunate that it was the Harlequins we were due to play. Had it been a first division Welsh club we would, under their regulations, have had to forfeit the match."

The concern for safety is such that in the event of a front-row player being ordered off the field, the referee will confer with that team's captain to nominate another player to leave the field so that a substitute

at every turn Gerald Davies highlights the dangers inherent in differing levels of fitness

front-row forward may come

on. If a team cannot comply.

then the game continues with "non-contestable scrummages". Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) regulations make it more difficult for the clubs. In Cardiff's case, two clubs came temporarily to their assistance and offered the loan of players. But the regulations insist that a player cannot be on loan solely for a month. This was not satisfactory for either club. Cardiff were scuppered, the match postponed

This is a real problem," Davies said. "Because of the physical confrontation that occurs in rugby, the risk of injury is great. A club could easily run short of forwards, particularly in the front row. It is not the answer to have bigger and bigger squads. For a start, our finances could not take it. In this season's examples, I would have been quite happy to borrow players in order to fulfil the fixtures. But the regulations were against us.

I believe these need to be relaxed so that a player can more easily be borrowed.

There were those

who thought that we were trying to 'Unequal pull a fast one. It was certainly not combat the case. In a professional is highly world we could dangerous' not possibly act in so amateurish

way. diff, who asked Harlequins "It is no use either for a

Union to force us to forfeit a game. We have obligations to our members, to the other speciators, to our match sponsors. And, once there is a comprehensive television agreement in place, I cannot imagine those companies being happy to see matches

There is, as he concedes, a further complication. Rugby is being played at a more continuously dynamic pace, the confrontation more persistent

Furthermore, a gap is ers who are full-time profes sionals and able to devote their time to acquiring more strength and power and those who still retain the vestiges of the amateur and have no such time to spare. To pit the one kind of player against the other is inequitable. Since it is an unequal combat, this is highly

dangerous. Thus, to ask a player from, say, a lower division to play among the premier clubs is akin to a team of old boys scrummaging down against their former school's sixthformers, but without the safety valve of the genuine regard they would have for the well-being of their

Among the premier clubs, there would be no holding back. This fearful prospect should arouse serious concern among the game's

RUGBY UNION: CHAIRMAN OF SELECTORS ASKS LEADING CLUBS TO ALLOW PLAYERS TO HAVE THE ULTIMATE SAY

North squad may be another source of division

KARL IONNERON

WHILE there was little evident progress when the Rugby Football Union (RFU) met members of the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Eprue) at Northampton on Wednesday, the loyalties of the clubs will be closely examined now that the first divisional squad of the season has been named.

The North's selectors have already accused Epruc of acting against the interests of their players and yesterday the divisional selectors named a 38-strong squad for their matches with Queensland, the New Zealand Barbarians, South Africa A and Argentina. Of that squad, 13 are from Sale and five from Newcastle, whose chairman, Sir John

Hall, has been a driving force behind Eproc in their dispute with the RFU. One ingredient of the dispute, of course, has been the clubs desire to abandon divisional teams.

they wish to."

Peter Scrivener, the Wasps back-row forward, has been restored to the England training squad which will meet at Bisham Abbey next Wednesday, 24 hours after the announcement of the new captain to lead England against Italy at Twickenham on November 23.

John Spencer, the chairman

of selectors, said: "I would urge clubs who have control these lads in terms of their contractual arrange-ments to think carefully about the situation and give the players the option to play if

The Heineken Cup has not

basis for yet more disunion emerged yesterday when Iwan Jones, the Llanelli flanker sent off for kicking against Pau last month, had his suspension reduced on appeal from sixty to 22 days. if this is confirmed, the French authorities will be

furious at what may well be

taken as another case of double standards. Jones was sent off in a match where two opponents were also dismissed, one being subsequently suspended for sixty days for stamping, the other for thirty days for punching.

The touring Australians have sent for reinforcements

after injuries to Jason Little and Michael Brial during the defeat of Scotland A on Wednesday. Owen Finegan, the back-row forward capped five times during the summer, and the uncapped centre, Adam Magro, join the party.

Despite the selection of two new caps - Rob Henderson in

ATIONAL SQUAD DETAILS

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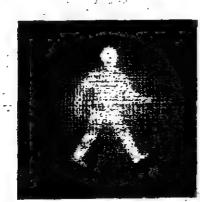
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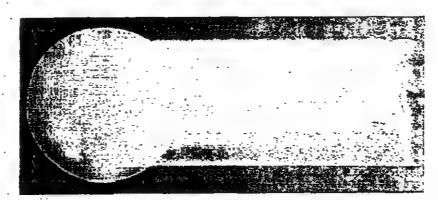
Woods on the other wing, and Henderson for Maurice Field in the centre. Time for a truce, page 46



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United lose more than a proud record

BY ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

OH FOR the days when sport had only sporting values, and when the audacity of Fenerbahçe, of Turkey, in taking away a record that had stood with Manchester United for 40 years, could have been greeted with: "Jolly good luck, they rode their luck, they defended mightily, and if they scored a bizarre winning goal. then isn't that the way all long records disappear?"
Sir Bobby Charlton was in

some isolation with those sentiments at Old Trafford on Wednesday night. The rest were in shock. When they awoke, however, there was talk of reactivating the 13 million bid to prise Miguel Nadal, the defender, from Barcelona: and in the City of London there was the inevitable kneejerk — 19p knocked off United's valuation on the Stock Exchange yesterday.

Isn't it crazy. floating a football club on stocks and shares, allowing serious money to ride and fall with the vagaries of sporting competition? By lunchtime vesterday. Manchester United shares

Graeme Souness, the Southampton manager, has taken Chris Woods, the former England goalkeeper, on loan for four months from the American League side, Colorado Rapids. Woods, 36, will act as cover for Dave Beasant

were 39p down from the high of 559p of last month when it was rumoured that fanciful suitors were contemplating E300 million takeover bids. But, in the now commercial world of European football, there is more to lose than mere Juventus and AC Milan.

competitors for the European Cup and partners in the inexorable move towards a Champions' League by invitation only to the elite, this week made financial disclosures that surely question the whole escalation of spending by English clubs in particular, European clubs in general.

Juventus, having banked

El4 million by winning the European Cup last May, declared a loss on Monday of £6 million. Milan then topped that by declaring cumulative losses for the past season of £27 million. The common

denominator, the lie to these highly profitable clubs. who draw television fees as high as England's and who have similarly massive merchandising turnover to Manchester United's, comes with closer examination of the books. The Italians have decided that, since clubs can no longer demand transfer fees for players out of contract after the Bosman ruling, they have written down the value of the players they own.

So while England, almost by the day, is inflating the price of individuals. Italy has gone dramatically the other way. Somebody is right or wrong, some clubs, here or there, are heading for massive financial embarrassment, if not closure.

These thoughts, this accoun-

tancy, comes in the wake of an historic night that will only eliminate United if Alex Ferguson's team fail to rescue themselves. To do that, they would probably have to defeat Juventus at home on November 20, and win away at Rapid Vienna on December 4. Despite the rampant form of Juventus, there are possible machinations that might persuade the European Cup holdcommitted in Manchester.

The holders would dearly like to avoid Milan in the next round: Milan are in second place in group D and, therefore, on course to meet Juventus.

At the moment, many Italians could not care less. When Milan beat Gothenburg 4-2 on Wednesday less than 30,000 -less than half capacity — were attracted to the San Siro. Juventus drew 35,000 in Tu-rin: FC Porto, of Portugal, had a mere 15,000 . . . how they would all crave to be Manchester United, whose 55,000-seat stadium seems to fill up no matter what form the Yet, on Wednesday, tedious

and tepid as the match against the Turkish champions was. the crowd fell strangely silent. It is as if no one at Old Trafford knows how to take defeat, or these "little blips" as Ferguson calls them. As the match came to its unnatural conclusion, Eric Cantona, the inspiration for the past three seasons, attempted a forlorn long shot. He was weefully off



target, he ignored six of his team-mates ahead of him in the Fenerbahçe penalty area. He seemed to be drifting off, like the flight of his shot, into no-man's land.

Cantona is perturbed about his form, and he should be. In the commercial world, he earns far too much to suffer long bouts of mere sporting mortality. "A genius is fine when he's on form," the late Joe Mercer, from nearby Maine Road, used to say, "but when he goes off, he can contaminate all around him."

The time has not arrived yet. but maybe one day Ferguson, entering his eleventh year in charge at Old Trafford, will have to contemplate telling his leader: "Thank-you Eric and goodbye." Painful? Yes. but the South African Springboks have just told Francois Pienaar, the catalyst of their rugby renaissance, that, at 29,

he is not part of the vision of the near future. The future for Manchester

United is under review. It is hard to believe that Jordi Cruyff and Karel Poborsky measure up to the wingers of United's past, or that they can reliably supply the ammuni-tion to propel the team into the quarter-finals. If Giggs returns, maybe there is hope, but there has to be an immediate reappraisal of Ferguson's priorities, of the signals he is sending out to the team.

He, above all, seeks to emulate Sir Matt Busby, and that means not merely scraping through into the next round of Europe, but winning the thing. This year, from this pool of talent, it is unlikely. Therefore, Ferguson will have talent that has conceded II goals in two successive FA Carling Premiership matches

... for the United way has always been to go flat out in every competition. They need the Premiership to try to qualify for the Champions' League next season.

Meanwhile, who is laugh-ing now? Manchester United's surrender came in a fashion that was nowhere near Ferguson's instincts to go for the jugular, while Newcastle United, cavaliers all, won their European encounter on Tuesday by four clear goals.

Of course, Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, is so naive, believing that the game is all about scoring more goals than the opponent. Ferencvaros, the Hungarian side that Newcastle beat, are not Fenerbahçe and the Uefa Cup is a joyride compared to the Champions' League. But for the moment, the spirits are with Keegan; suddenly. Fer-guson is playing catch-up.

CHAMPIONS' LEAGUE

EQUESTRIANISM

First-day < honours claimed by Lansink

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR

JOS LANSINK, the 1904 World Cup winner and a member of Holland's Olympic gold medal-winning team in 1992, moved quickly into his stride at the Amsterdam International Show yesterday when he won the Leasebouw Holland prize, the opening showjumping event, after a masterly round against the

Riding Bacchus, Lansink relegated Ludger Beerbaum. of Germany, the former Olympic champion, into second place by 0.38sec after an absorbing 11-horse jump-off. Michael Whitaker underlined the return to form of his when he finished third, a fraction of a second behind Beerbaum, "He just needed to regain a bit of confidence after Atlanta," the Briton said. This was a perfect class for

With intensive physiotherapy having cured the back injury that caused Two Step's disappointing Olympic perfor-mance, Whitaker is optimistic about his chances in the Volvo World Cup qualifier on Sunday, the main event of the four-day show.

The two other Britons in the class, Geoff Billington, on Hitman, and John Whitaker. on Hayman, failed to reach the jump-off, but, for Billington, Hitman's mere presence in the ring was a cause for celebration.

"He tried to die on me last year," Billington said of the eight-year-old gelding whose problems included cracking a bone at the top of his stifle when out in the field. Yesterday, looking fit and well, his only mistake over the inviting course occurred at the first part of the combination. John Whitaker, who des-

cribed the course as "perfect for a seven-year-old", used it as a schooling round for the young Hayman, a Dutch-bred

gelding that he started riding this year.

"He's got pienty of ability but it's early days," he said after collecting II faults. Today, he will ride his top horse. Welham in accompanion for Welham, in preparation for the World Cup event.

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Diagram of final position

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Max Lange Attack

Cornish teams look beyond county set

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

IN THE past 18 months football in Cornwall has retreated within the boundaries of the Duchy, so the FA Carlsberg Vase provides welcome exposure to footballing life on the other side of the Tamar Bridge.

Falmouth Town are exempt until the second round but for Porthleven, Torpoint Athletic, Saltash United and Truro City the first round toniorrow provides relief from the in-house scrapping as they entertain. respectively. Bemerton Heath

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Harlequins, Chippenham Town, Cadbury Heath and Bridport. The isolation in Cornwall

has been created by the decision last season of Saltash and Liskeard Athletic to drop out of the Western League and the reduction to two — Tavistock and Holsworthy — of the number of Devon clubs in the league, after Appledore and Okehampton dropped out this season.

Like Falmouth, who won the title four times in a row in the mid-70s, Saltash, three times champions in five years between 1985 and 1989, and

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Liskeard, who won the league

The loss of playing momentum - Southern League football being wholly unrealistic - the cost of trips to the increasing number of clubs from the Bristol area and the ever-advancing ground-improvement demands of the Western League forced the two clubs' hand. "I'd like to see a Devon and Cornwall League." Trevor Mewton, the Porthleven manager, said. "The top teams from the South Western League would join the likes of

SPEEDWAY

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TENNIS

PARIS Men's tournament: Second round: M Rosset (Switz) bt P Sampras (US) 6-4, 6-4; T Engvist (Switz) bt P Roneberg (US) 6-4, 7-5; Y Zalenikos (Russ) bt C Proine (Fi) 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 P Korda (Cz) bt M Ros (Chile) 6-3, 8-4 Third round; M Gustalrson (Swe) bt W Fernera (Switz) 6-4, Rosset bt F Mamilla (Sp) 7-5, 3-6, 7-6, P Haarturs (Holl) bt T Martin (US) 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 S Ecberg (Swe) bt F Wiber (Holl) 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 P Korda (Cz) bt A Berasalegua (Sp) 6-1, 6-4, Katelnikov bt M Washington (US) 6-4, 6-3

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RUGBY LEAGUE

OTHER SPORT

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in 1988, enjoyed great success in the Western League.

Bideford, Barnstaple and

Exmouth from the Western League in Devon."

Mewton's attention tomorrow is focused on the Vase looking to his "Dad's Army" led by Gary Bannister, 36, who moved to his wife's county after a long Football League career, and Bradley Swiggs. an enduring force on the Cornish scene.

Torpoint know this Vase run may be their last for a while. More goalposts are being moved, with clubs from next season needing to have floodlights, but Torpoint struggling for permission from Caradon Council.

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

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Reading 3 Sutton 0; Rush and D'monds 1 Fulham 4, Wycombe 1 Southend 3 FA YOUTH CUP: Second qualitying round: Chester 0 Bury 2; Croncester 1 Bristol 1; Burno 0 Nuneation 1; Cemberley 0 Bognor Regis 2; Port Vals 7 Welsall Wood 0 Second qualitying round replay: Sutton United 1 Wilmay Sports 2; JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Praimier division: Soham 8 Clacton 0.

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By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Inexperienced players lead short suits too much. Unless partner has bid the suit, it is rarely best to lead a doubleton against a suit contract. Frequently you will find that this is declarer's best side suit, and all you are doing is helping declarer locate and knock out your partner's high cards in the suit. The same is often the case with singletons. It's all very well if

you hit partner's ace, but often a singleton lead sets up tricks for declarer as well as perhaps taking a guess out of the suit. You need to be fairly confident that partner will have the required entries before leading a singleton. Consider the following hands, after the sequence $1\,H-2\,H-4\,H$:

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With Hand (i) you have reasonable defensive prospects. Diamonds could well be declarer's best side suit and if you lead your singleton it could pick up partner's holding in the suit. Even if the lead did no direct damage, how can you possibly expect partner to have two entries? If he wins the ace of diamonds and gives you a ruff you may find that in doing so the defence has set up enough winners for declarer. No, far better to try the queen of

Hand (ii) is very different. Your partner is marked with good values and so is quite likely to have the two entries he needs to beat the contract. The singleton lead looks the best prospect. Sometimes the reason for not leading a singleton is because of

your trump holding. Look at these two hands, again after 1 H -2H-4H:

(IV) 46 VQ19 +Q10873

In some ways Hand (iii) is similar to Hand (i) above but this time there is an additional reason for not leading your singleton and that is your fourth trump. The bidding sounds as if declarer may well be in a 5-3 trump fit. If you can force him to ruff just once he will be down to the same number of trumps as you and if you can force him to ruff a second time he will probably lose control of the whole hand. It is much better to lead a top diamond.

Hand (iv) might seem a fair candidate for a singleton lead since you do not have very many high cards. What is wrong this time is that if you do get a spade ruff it will be with a trump trick, so what is the point of that? Especially since it will probably establish tricks for declarer. Far better to try to establish your own tricks, and lead a diamond.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING By Philip Howard

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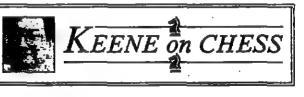
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b. A dugout canoe c. Coriander oil GAEKWAR a. To herd geese b. Guerrilla warfare c. An Indian ruler

Answers on page 46



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White resigns

By Raymond Keene CHESS CORRESPONDENT

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Tournament proliferation

Short challenged Garry Kasparov for the world title in London, there has been an extraordinary proliferation of international standard tournaments throughout the UK. At one time during October, no less than three such competitions were under way simultaneously. These were the Owens Corning grandmaster tournament in Wales, the Barings International Chess Festival in Guernsey and the international master tournament in Coulsdon, Foremost amongst the new wave of setting these events in motion are Welsh grandmaster Nigel Davies, the new British Chess Federation Congress Director, Tim Wall, and the tireless Chris Dunworth, the founder of the Four Nations Chess League.

Wall and Dunworth collabo-rated to stage Coulsdon's first ever international tournament, from which today's two miniature games, both disasters for White.

White: Abimbola Adelaja Black: Colin Crouch

Coulsdon International

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White: Chris Baker

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Black: John Richardson

Coulsdon International

Raymond Keene writes on chess

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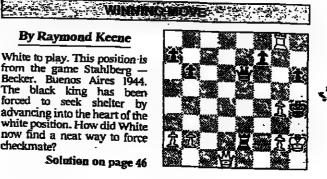
By Raymond Keene

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White to play. This position is from the game Stahlberg -Becker, Buenos Aires 1944. The black king has been forced to seek shelter by advancing into the heart of the white position. How did White now find a neat way to force

checkmate? Solution on page 46



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Capacity crowd at Ibrox just the ticket for Brown

THE Scotland team and the great football audience have long led separate lives. Supporters in search of excitement threw themselves into an affair with clubs that could buy exotic players. Now, though, there: are signs of a return to the old.

"All 50,000 tickets for Scotland's World Cup qualifying match against Sweden at Ibrox on November 10 have been sold. It will be the largest crowd attracted by the national side to a match in its own country since 65,204 were drawn to Hampden Park for a 2-0 victory over France in March 1989.

An enlightened pricing policy accounts for some of the allure that the game possesses, since adult lieurs cost only £10 and there are special offers for children. Nonetheless, the sales figure for a match s remarkable.

Staff at the Scottish Football Association have been besieged by telephone calls from people who are clearly unfamiliar with the practice of buying Scotland tickets, and when Craig Brown yesterday announced his squad, his selection will have been met with greater

team is, abruptly, winning recogni-tion as the sole embodiment of competence in Scottish football.

On Wednesday, Rangers, despite their plack, lost I-0 at home to Ajax, leaving them with a record of four defeats in the Champions' League and a place in the last eight of the European Cup no longer even an His side has the opportunity to arithmetical possibility. On Tues mirrore the kind of patriotic enthuday, Brondby removed Aberdeeri siasur that was so greenwhelming in from the Uefa Cup. The involve side 1970s and 1980s. Scotland ment of Celtic and Heart of possessed a more talented group of Midlothian in Furnment courses. Midlothian in European competition ended several weeks ago. Anyone who yearns to see Scots get the better of foreign opponents, therefore, had better develop the

Brown's reactions yesterday were indicative of a man who is not accessioned to being at the centre of of the ticket sales is a boost," he

habit of watching Scotland.

responsibility.

Each person who comes to the game must go away happy. That means they have to see a victory and a good performance. We can't blow it. The last thing we need is an anticimax."

players in that era, but Brown's players in that era, our brown's feam, with diligence and preparation, has proved just as effective. In group four of the World Cup qualifiers, they had drawn in Anstria and won in Latvia before the farce in Estonia, when the opposition declined to turn up after

the kick-off time was altered at

short notice. Given such progress,

Brown is in no mood for tinkering

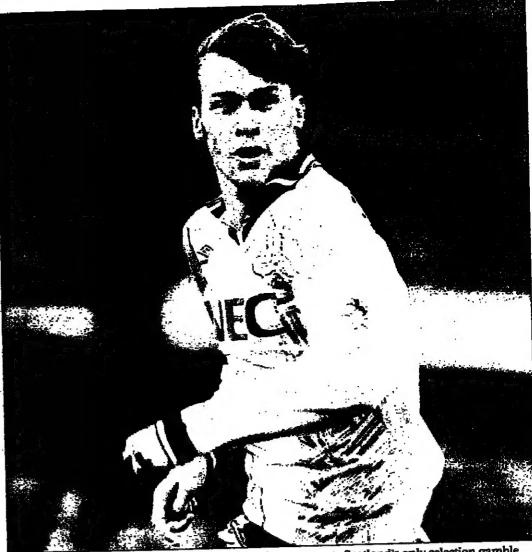
daring came with the inclusion of Duncan Ferguson, who has not appeared for Everton since undergoing a groin operation and serving a suspension. The manager expects that he will play against

Coventry City on Monday. Brown hopes that others, too, will be able to prove their fitness before the match with Sweden. Andy Goram, Ally McCoist and Colin Hendry have yet to return to full action with their clubs. Brown's patience, however, is understandable; given the part they have played in Scotland's success.

The most unlikely member of that trio to play a part against Sweden is Hendry. A groin opera-tion ruled him out of the march against Latvia, and it takes considerable optimism to believe that he can demonstrate his full recovery for Blackburn Rovers against Liverpool on Sunday.

McCoist came on as a substitute against Ajax and, as Brown put it, "doesn't need to be fit to score goals". Goram is still troubled by a hip injury, and, if his place is taken by Jim Leighton, the Hibernian goalkeeper will win his 75th cap.

I John Hughes, 32, the Celtic centre half, was sold to Hibernian vesterday for £300,000.



Ferguson's recall for the match against Sweden represents Scotland's only selection gamble

Jocular giant who lacks brotherly love

Brian Glanville on the deteriorating

relationship between the Charltons

The sub-title of Jack Charlion's pungent autobiography might well be Sibling Rivalry. Not on the football both areas, natural talent put Bobby well ahead of Jack. Ontour with England a quarter of a century ago, Jack was wont to say: There's no comparison between Our Kid

and me.

A mother's love is "quite Jack sisters that Bobby another, deeper, matter, it supposed smiling a train tory as a football career, Jack Which could not have been as he characteristically contained to this day which is not true however, as he characteristically contained to the same because the characteristically contained to the same because the characteristically contained to the characteristical contained to the ch desses in his book , sought it endlessly; Bobby achieved it effortlessly, only - and this seems the true source of Jack's bitterness - to cast it away. We've never been further apart than now. Jack said recently. "I just don't want to

This is because, in years of their strong ebullient mother. Cissie -

once a street footballer herself; sisfootballing Milburn brothers, cousin of the great Jackie - Bobby stayed away. He was not with ber when she was dying in a nursing home, though he from Temisia to be

We've never been further apart than now. I just don't want

a pall bearer at her Judge not. The twists and turns. the agonies and complexities, to know him' milies are ob-

some to the outsider Jack seems to suggest that had relations between Cissic and Bobby's wife, Norma, were at the root of the schism, though he is ar pains to point out that Norma did nothing to stop Bobby visiting his mother. The pattem seems a familiar, even a classic, one. The strong mother, unwilling to let go. The favoured son, smothered by a possessive love, striking out, eventually, on his own, perhaps over-compensating in

That might explain the sad little anecdote that Jack tells, of Cissie and her husband, the overshadowed Bob, arriving for a match at Old Trafford, having been invited by Sir Matt Busby, only to be met by

"Instead of being pleased to Bobby. see them, he went mad. What are you doing here? Don't ever come here again unless I tell you."

Bobby, unquestionably, was traumatised by the horrors of the Munich air crash in February 1958, when so many of his Manchester United team mates died, and he himself was miraculously thrown out into an adjacent field, still strapped into his

Perceptively, Jack wonders whether Bobby was assailed by what might be called survivor Syndrome, noted in those who emerged from concontration camps with a remember Bobby, a

few months after the Munich crash, in Gothenburg, for a World Cup in which he did. not get a gene. Tacturn and introceties. he suddenly emerged from his sorrows, in England's hotel, to tell the tale of a northeastern bus queue. The bus arrived, full up. A would be passenger inquired.

How long will the next one

Meet him yourself as I did recently, and you find a quiet, genial charm that has typified him, ever since he finally emerged from his Munich

Jack's book is generally as outspoken as you would ex-pect it to be. He has always reliova librate you

when Fur playing for Leeds, he once told me, in Englassi's hotel in Mexico. When I'm playing for England I have to tolerate you!"
Then there was

the occasion, rolling along the Rio de Janeiro seafront to the airport, after a game against Brazil, when he read out, on the intercom, a mock report for ill-fated English press game. Bri-an Glanville: seems to have some idea of play

something has been lost in me for advice."
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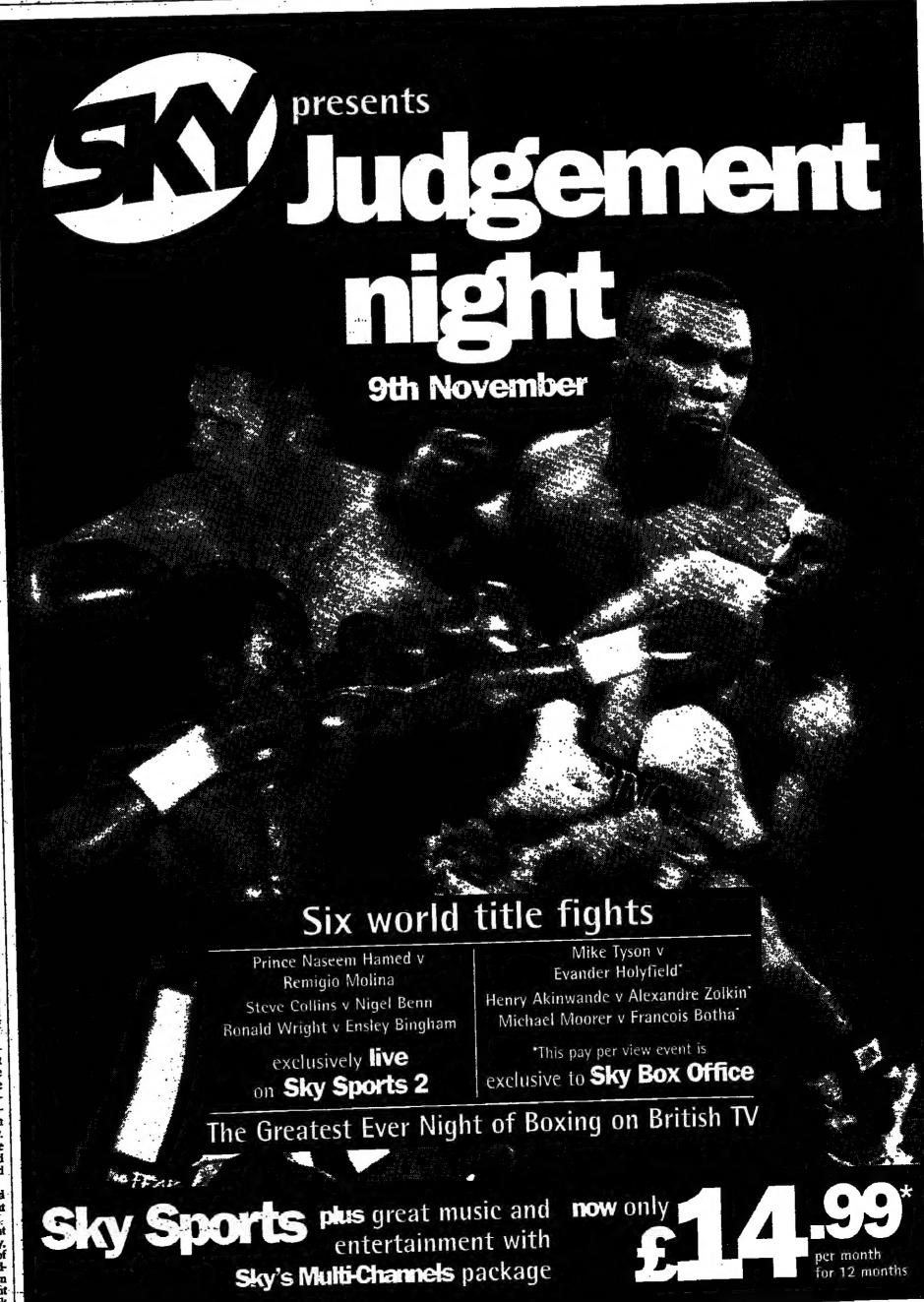
constituted a grave menace to travellers climbing Sugar Loaf Mountain." He admits he was a surly

rebel in his early days at Leeds United, admits that they were an abrasive team in Don Revie's own early managerial days. He excoriates Frank Stapleton for his alleged sulking at the 1990 World Cup with Ireland and accuses Peter Beardsley of never accepting advice.

He treats Revie with excessive indulgence, and does not quite come clean about the great gulf in their relative philosophies, which eventually separated him from lreland's Arsenal pair, Liam Brady and David O'Leary. They wanted to play more creative football, he wanted the ball played up fast and

Given what he achieved with Ireland, who can say that his realpolitik was mistaken. Wrong and romantic, right and repulsive, you might say, as 1066 And All That said of the Cavaliers and Roundheads. To which Charlton might well reply: "If you want to see my monument, look around you."

* Jack Charlton: the autobi-ography — with Peter Bytne (Partridge Press, £16.99):



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Time for rugby factions to call a truce

The manner in which the International Rugby Foot-ball Board (IRFB) ushered self-interest if the widening rift in the sport is not to become irreparable the game, for which it is trustee, into a state of predictable chaos 14 months ago, was breathtakingly irresponsible. Rugby union could be about to prove Marx correct. that history repeats itself as tragedy and then farce, if warring officials do not rapidly find common sense. If ever a sport should have got it right, in the transition from amateur

to professional, it is rugby. Yet, in spite of all the references available of how football, cricket, tennis and athletics got it wrong — and often still do — rugby is blundering down the same path.

The Rugby Football Union (RFU) and the 'Rugby could leading clubs, with descend their ugly acronym of Epruc (English Profesinto farce' sional Rugby Union Clubs), could have

avoided, and still can, their polarised attitudes were they to consider the lessons, the legal precedents, staring at them from other sports. Instead of recognising the essential elements of mutual interest, they are allowing righteous self-interests, important as they are, to hold them apart.

It does not require Solomon. though it may need an independent arbitrator, to show that while the RFU's traditional, necessary, altruistic control on behalf of all who play the game remains legitimate, it is not compatible, in some detail, with the equally legitimate demands of the top end of the new commercial game. John Richardson and Cliff Brittle, respectively president and executive committee chairman of the RFU, are develop the game. Medium-level club

busy playing Canute. On the other hand. Epruc, with Sir John Hall, of Newcastle, the tiger in the tank, is failing to recognise that unfettered

self-determination is likely to produce a small, unhealthy and ultimately damaging clique of rich clubs; raising the standard of a few, lowering that of many. Professional football has patented the path to follow. Sir John, who understands the skills of marketing and the spontaneous momentum

and ambition of regional pride, but who does not always understand the nuances of sport, cites the example of professional football as a virtue. Creating a multisport complex on

Tyneside may be good for the North

East, but not for rugby. Additionally, Sir John seems not to understand that rugby is the reverse of association football: the latter is club-led, but the former is nation-led. Manchester United, Liverpool or Arsenal can fill Wembley several times a season, but England will draw fewer than 30,000 with merely average performances. Five nations' championship matches fill Twickenham, but the top club sides struggle

to half-fill Loftus Road. Giving Bath, Harlequins, Wasps, Newcastle and the rest free licence to negotiate a professional game primarily financed by television is going to make a handful of players rich, not

rugby is not a spectator sport. It is mind-freezing for all but anxious relatives and subscription members.

David Miller argues that common sense must quickly prevail over damaging

The polarisation has been immature, to say the least. Fran Cotton, the British Isles manager, denounced Sir John and Epruc colleagues for running a police state when they initially refused to release players for international duty. Yet the accusation is as true of the RFU, when Richardson rejects independent arbitration recommended by Charles Levison of Wasps - when he says: "We have to retain approval on competition structure and broadcasting rights."

As governing body, the RFU must have some control of competition; the thorn of controversy, of course, which for a century plagued the Football Association and Football League. Yet that control of professionals by wellintentioned amateurs cannot be

Fortunately, there are reasonable men on both sides, such as Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary, and Peter Wheeler, former hooker for Leicester and England and now his club's chief executive. It must be hoped that they can prevail upon their colleagues. At the heart of the impasse is the

Il-page draft document drawn up by the RFU for contract agreement with Epruc. It concerns the creation of a projected joint company, Newco, that would handle all Epruc competitions. regulations and finance. However, the document repeatedly gives the RFU - notwithstanding that it would

it's a matter of trust. six, plus the chairman - the right of

veto and absolute primacy.

"The governing body [IRFB] thrust
us into the professional world but gave us no help." Wheeler said.
"We've got it wrong, but you can't tell until you get into it. Our first objective is to raise the quality. There's justification for Newco, because it's different from the emotional Epruc.
"The RFU finds itself challenged

for the first time in its history, and [the draft] makes us subject to RFU approval all down the line. We would be has been happy with exact paimmature' rameters, on sponsorship-television-competition, without them repeatedly having to seek approval. The RFU should stand back.

Part of the danger of Sir John's "self-determination" is the threat to the national league. There are only so many weekends in a season, and rugby's physical severity does not sensibly allow two matches a week. If the clubs expand their European involvement from a cup into a league. the domestic league must necessarily shrink. That must be bad.

"I think it is benevolent government we seek, not autocracy," said. "The suspicion is [falsely] that, in our haste to make peace with the senior clubs, we will rush into agreements that sacrifice the fabric of the game. The RFU's role [in Newco] have only two directors and Epruc is that should there be a clash [in schedules, television rights], we seek to adjudicate. We have to conform to EC laws, we know our more stringent regulations cannot be unsustainable.

"If Epruc can go softer on demands, we can go softer on veto. If we were to end up with only eight clubs in the domestic league because of European participation, we would thereby lose the credibility of the qualifying base for that European competition. We must protect the

While administrators such as Wheeler recognise the essential contribution of their players to England, for senior and junior fixtures, the RFU should reciprocate by Polarisation terminating divisional

matches to ease fixture congestion. The draft Newco regulations on player release for representative domestic and international matches must be

Epruc risks seriously overestimating its commercial capacity. Agents are advising players that they would be precipitate to go full-time for, say, £25,000 a year, or even double that, as against retaining another occupation. Australia, significantly, has only 40 full-time professionals.

Sir John should recognise that, in free-enterprise sport, more does not necessarily mean better. He fancies that he can recreate football's Premiership in rugby. The reality is that fewer than half a dozen rugby clubs are attractive television material. The bulk of professional rugby will continue to be live-attendance and ground-sponsorship dependent.

Lister, who is confident of

leading her club to a home

victory over bottom of the

table Leicester, said.

Worlds apart, yet together

RADIO CRICIE

Wisely, considering the global reach of the programmes that come from the World Service at Bush House, this new series about how different climates affect the nature of gardening, is presented by an international garden expert. David Stevens knows his stuff all right, whether it's weather, or soil, or floral delights. He also knows his onions (and a lot of other vegetables too). In later editions of Global Gardening he talks to green-fingered folk in Sri Larka, the Kloor Gorge near Durban, and just outside Tel Aviv. This afternoon finds him in an English country garden, at Helmingham Hall, East Anglia. Even here, World Service considerations are not forgotten. Some of the species in this Suffolk garden began life in China, California and Russia.

Mining the Archive. Radio 3, 3.00pm.

This series demonstrates what a treasure house of music the BBC This series demonstrates what a treasure house of music the BBC possesses. Like precious jewels, archive recordings need to be exhibited from time to time for their glories to be fully appreciated. Mining the Archive knows how to show off its prize possessions. Another selection can be enjoyed this afternoon, recordings made by one of Russia's most oustanding pianists. Emil Gilels died II years ago. His name is still pronounced with awe. Stephen Plaistow presents two hours of his recordings, including Schumann's Piano Sonata No I, and Ravel's Alborada del Gracioso. Peter Davalle

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Bassoon Concerto in Bb, K 191; Flute
Concerto in G, K 313; Oboe concerto in
C, K 314; Clarinet Concerto in A) 16,00
Michael Mappin, Ind at 11,00 Friday Live

VIRGIN RADIO

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RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes Westhoff (Sonata in A. La Guerra); Rahmaninov (Symphony No 3 in A. manor); Shostatovskin (Violin Concerto No 1); Shostatovich (Violin Concerto No 1).

9.00 Morning Collection.
Debussy (Brouillards, Faultes
mortes, La puerta del Vino
and Les fees sont d'exquises danseuses, Praiudes); Brahme (String Quarter No 2 in G. Op 111) 10.00 Musical Encounters.

Musical Encounters, includes Kuhleu (Ef Hill, exc); Regandi (Serenade); MacCurn (Ship o' the Fland); Bach (Sonala in 8 minor, BWV 1014)

12.90 Composers of the Week: Hildegard of Bingen and Part. Hildegard (O choruscane stellarum); Part (Annum per annum) 1.00pm News; Chamber Music from Kendal. Rodney Slatford introduces music for

flute and plano played by Richard Davis and Keith Swallow. Martinu (Flute Sonata); Widor (Suite, Op 34); Frank Martin (Ballade); Prank Mentin (Balfade);
Doppler (Ferntasy on
Hungarian Motifis, Op 35)

Songs of Youth written by
the young Gustav Mehler,
performed by Janet Baker,
mezzo and Geoffrey Parsons,
piano. Hans und Grete;
Winterfect, Irm Lenz;

2.15 Music Restored (r)
3.00 Mining the Archive. See
Choice
5.00 The Music Machine. Some composers may use noise

rather than notes to make the music of our time, ratecting a sonic landscape that is increasingly cacophonous 5.15 in Tune. The School Proms

begin next week celebrating music by young composers and about youth, including Jenacek (Misci for wind sextet); Mendelssohn (Symphony for strings)
7.30 BBC Symphony Orch
Live from the Board Fee Hall, London. Jiri Belchlavek

conducts, with Jean Rigby, mezzo. Meriter (Adagio, Symphony No 10); Ruckert-Lieder 8.20 Beatrice and After Winner of the Prix Goncourt, novelist Amin Maalouf, born in the Lebanon, lives in Paris and writes in French, talks about his use of history 8.40 Concert, part 2 Shostakovich (Symphony No

arly Islamic thinkers. Dr Oliver Learnan looks at the tile and thought of the 12thcentury theologien, doctor and philosopher Avernoes 18.100 Hear and Now, Concert by Germini conducted by Martyn Brabbins includes Philip Grange (Des fins sont des Grange (Des fins sont des commencements);
Ustvolskaya (Octet), Howard Skempton (Gemini Dances);
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1.00am Through the Night

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9.45 Feedback with Chris Dunkley 10.00 News; At the Shoulder of 10.00 News; At the Shoulder of History: Irina Kirillova (FM). From the start of the Cold War to Glasnost, Irina Kirilova was at the centre of events 10.00 Am Act of Worship (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW) 10.30 Woman's Hour with Wendy Austin

9,00 News 9.05 Desert Island

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Austin 11.30 The Natural History Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The Food Programm

Weather

1.00 The World at One with Nick
Clarke Clarke
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping
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D.H. Lawrence (1/4) (1)
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4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope
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Tim Marlow sees a new version of Arthur Miller's Death of a Salesman at learnan at the National Theatre 4.45 Short Story: Will He Last

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Kershaw 8.05 Any Questions? Michael

Blackstone; Mary Kenny; and Geoffrey Robertson, QC, tackle the Issues raised in Petworth, West Sussex 8.50 Law in Action with Marcel Berlins. Including a special report from the USA where the Supreme Court is the Supreme Court is

contemplating the legal complexities of assisted sufcide 9.15 Letter from America by Alistan Cooke 9.30 Kaleidoscope Featura: Kaledoscope Feature: Robert Hughes: Tim Marlow tails to the distinguished art critic Robert Hughes es he embarks on an eight-part documentary series for BBC2, American Visions, in which he charts the history of visual art in the United States. Hughes previous series on art, The Shock of the New, was a critical success and shown in

critical success and shown in 29 countries (f) 9,59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight with Robin Lusting 10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Game by A.L. Berker. Two

young men growing up together end up sharing more than their boyhood aspirations. Read by Stephen Tomplenson
11.00 Week Ending with Sally
Grace, Jon Glover and Dave

11.25 Tee Junction with Patrick Hannanand guests take a

sceptical look at the week's events.
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Forward thinking will lift goal count

Sydney Friskin, of The Times, has been awarded the

By a Correspondent

WHEN the international gov-

erning body (FIH) introduced

the no-offside rule this season.

they hoped to produce a more spectator-friendly game, filled with attacking play and goal-scoring. The anticipated goal glut has failed to materialise in the women's national league, but, when the action resumes tomorrow, after a two-week break, Sandie Lister, the former England captain and Olympic bronze medal-winner, believes that the clubs will be more familiar with the necessary techniques. "It will take some time to get used to it." Lister, England's most capped player, said. "Strikers have been coached for so long not to make runs International Hockey Federation's President's Award, given for long and valuable service to the game. Friskin, who has been hockey correspondent of The Times for 23 years, is the first journalist to receive the honour.

at Ipswich recently, though, and I'm sure it will pay dividends. "In England, we've never

into the danger areas. We've

spent a lot of time working at it

been very good at the one-onone situation when a player only has the goalkeeper to beat. One year, the England manager, Jenny Cardwell. promised a case of champagne to the player who succeeded. and, at the end of the season, we still hadn't celebrated." The new rule has helped to

joint second with Hightown and Clifton behind the unbeaten leaders. Slough, have been able to call on the wiles and experience of Jo Thompson, their former England and Great Britain goalkeeper. "She's told us what she doesn't like about the way forwards are exploiting the rule, especially when they stand in front of the goalkeeper to block her out, and we've trained hard at turning it to our advantage,"

Despite receiving treatment for a back injury. Lister intends to play, along with Kim van Erp, a former Holland involve goalkeepers in the Under-21 international forgame and Ipswich, who are ward who has returned to form after missing the past three matches. One striker who has made

the most of her freedom is Kath James, of Trojans, who is hoping to complete a hat-trick of hat-tricks against Clifton. After earning her first England cap against Ireland earlier this year. James, 22, has set her sights on becoming the only player to achieve the feat in her first season in the premier division.

BOXING

Ayers receives added spur to capture title

MICHAEL AYRES and Billy Schwer, Britain's leading lightweights, can look forward to the highest purses of their careers if Ayres lifts the World Boxing Organisation title in February (Srikumar Sen writes). Barry Hearn, Ayres's manager, said yesterday that he would be prepared to pay around £250,000 to put on the bout between them that could be the contest of the year.

"It will fill the Albert Hall and both men would get a six figure purse," Hearn said. But before challenging Artur Grigorian, the champion from Russia, Avres has to defend his British title against

Colin Dunne, of Holloway, at

the Grand Hall, Wembley, on November 20. Hearn and Ayres believe he will dismiss Dunne, who is unbeaten in 21 contests, and regard him as little more than a warm-up.

"This is exactly the fight I would have chosen for Michael before Grigorian," Hearn said. On the same bill, Schwer has an eight-round bout against an opponent yet to be named to help put behind him the close contest that he had with Alan Temple, of Hartlepool, a week ago. Schwer blamed his perfor-

mance on a damaged shoulder

but promised to be back to his

old form now that the injury

has healed.

WORD WATCHING Answers from page 42

BARYTES (a) Heavy earth used to improve drilling mud. The protoxide of barium; an alkaline earth distinguished by its great weight. From the Greek baris heavy, in reference to its great weight.

CENTIPOISE (c) A unit of dynamic viscosity, one hundredth of a poise. "It would therefore seem to be a rational procedure to use the name poise in the way suggested by Decley and Parr, to use the centipoise which is one-hundredth the size of this as a unit for

No precipitate took place from a mixture of barytes-water and

CORIAL (b) In Guyana, a dugout cance with pointed ends. The Spanish adaptation of the Arawak kuljara. "We met the Indians going a fishing. I saw, by the way their things were packed in the corial, that they did not intend to return for some days."

GAEKWAR (c) The title of the native ruler of Baroda in India. Adaptation of the Marathi gaekwad literally a cowherd. These princes were all styled Gaekwar, in addition to their family name. The word literally means a cow-keeper, which, although a low employment in general, has, in this noble family among the Hindus, who venerate that animal, become a title of great

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Never mind the duff title, feel the quality

gave us The Man Who Mistook His Wife For A lists. a series called The Mind beautiful object. Traveller (BBC2) smacks of a lack. of imagination. But maybe that is not Oliver Sacks's fault. The title was probably dreamt up by a highpowered suit at the BBC. hmm . . it's about the mind and he travels a lot . . . Got it, we'll call it The Mind Traveller." Round at Television Centre he is known as The Man Who Mistook His Tie. For A Creative Thought.

So, duff title but, on the evidence of last night's first instalment, far from duff contents. This is not a series to be consigned to the bookshelves after taking a month in get through chapter one. Sacks is as gentle and humane a guide to neurological disease as you could hope to come across and has a compelling way with words. "I

oming from the writer who really have a sense of nostalgia," include his two great passions he murmured, recalling happy days in the neuropathology lab, ly it was a clue. You see, it might Hat, the second-best title ever to his fingers gently caressing a just be the cycads, packed as they have graced the non-fiction book dissected brain: "What a very are with disosaur-busing poison.

Control of the second s

For his first essay in neurobiology. Sacks travelled to the Pacific Island of Guam to study lytico and hodig, a disease so nasty they named it twice. It's a bit like Parkinson's a bit like motor neurone disease and has just a hint of Alzheimer's. It is absolutely no

parently just long enough to Renaissance man. While some go. for known paper packages tied up in string, Sacks's favourite thing is the cycad, a palm-like tree that escaped from Jurassic Park 200 million spans are a likelikely to the cycad. million years ago. Initially this love affair with the cycad smacked of affectation, an excuse to describe the trip to Guam as the chance to

Sacks's account of this unex-plained and incurable dis-ease was absorbing, but it was also unsettling. The patients we met were seriously, and in two cases terminally, ill. If they had been covered in turnours, wracked with pain, coughing up blood, the On arrival, Sacks paused, ap cameras would not have been parently just long enough to there. But conveniently for teleestablish his credentials as a vision, lytico and bodig is not like

> One of the principal symptoms is that the sufferer retreats from the outside world, entering a serene trance-like state. It doesn't look like dying at all. "It is not easy at first to see terrible disease." Sacks noted. The problem was, in this case, it was. So easy, I forgot to

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worry about whether we should be there at all.

Sacks was also happy to address the taboo of such conditions being considered funny. "Something happens that is abnormal," he observed, as he examined a man who as well as lytico and bodig also had a spot of alien hand syndrome, "but it's sort of funny as well." Tonight's homework? Dis-cuss "sort of". checking that The Legacy of Reginald Perrin (BBCI) reached its predictable conclusion. It did the bloodless revolution of senior citizens and the occupationally rejected failed and its aims were iudeed far too sensible to pass "the totally and utterly absurd "stipulation in Reggie Perrin's will. Result? Bit of a cock-up on the collecting one million pounds each front.

"So this is goodbye?" said Jimmy (Geoffrey Palmer), who as well as being unlucky in revolution was also unlucky in love. Ms Hackstraw (Patricia Hodge) had declined his proposal of marriage. No merely au revoir - I look forward to seeing you when you have come up with something a great deal more absurd." And so it was that the door was held open for a sequel to the sequel.

Would that be a good thing? Probably not. For all I have enjoyed the performances of Palm-

my's sister and Reggie's widow, the series has still had that feeling of a party without its principal guest Leonard Rossiter brought an element of glorious danger to everything he did and it is precisely that quality this well-intentioned follow-up lacked. Still, it was nice to hear Ronnie Hazlehurst's wonderful theme tune again. Super.

similar sense of nostalgia A accompanied the debut of Nash Bridges (Sky One). accompanied the debut of Yes, Don Johnson, the man who put the vice into Miami and briefly made blond highlights OK for men, is back - a little rougher, a little gruffer, but only looking about two years older then before. Amazing what they can do in Hollywood, isn't it?

Bridges, you will not be surprised to learn, is a cop, this time based in post-earthquake San

er and Hodge, together with that of Pauline Yates as Elizabeth, Jimportant because it allows the police portant because it allows the police department to occupy a seismically-damaged but otherwise glamorous rotunda and Johnson to rent an otherwise unaffordable penthouse. He also has two beautiful former wives (one English, one American), an incipiently beautiful teenage daughter and a partner who looks just like Denis out of The Rockford Files.

Johnson, who takes a credit as executive producer, has gone back to the cop show as star vehicle which means he gets the best lines, the best jokes, the best car and the best ... magic tricks. Kojak had his lollipops as a gimmick. Bridges has his tricks - although in last night's case of the missing computer chips it was not so much sleight of hand as sleight of handcuff. It's old-fashioned, lightweight (not of-ten do you see the baddie get hit with a lobster) and surprisingly enjoyable.

6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (29371) 7.00 BREAKFAST NEWS (Ceefax) (50642) 9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA (Ceelax)

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7.00 MUPPETS TONIGHTI Tony Bennett Quests and sings a duet with Kannik (Ceefso) (s) (784642)

7.25 TOP OF THE POPS (Cesfex) (s)

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Night and how to avoid them (Ceetax) (s) 9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS (Cestax) (9975) 9.30 SECK Second of two. The King's Cross private detective continues her search for the identity of a men suffering from armesia. With Amanda Radman, Last in

series (Ceefax) (s) (996804) . . . 10.20 FILM: The Terminator (1984) All-action science fiction film about a cyborg sent to Earth from the future. His mission is to kill the woman who will become the mothe the wornan who will become the mother of a future rebet leader. Amold Schwarzenegger plays the tuturistic killing machine and Linda Hamilton his target. Directed by James Certeron (Cestex) (952826). WALES: SATELLITE CITY 10.50 FILM: The Terminator 12.35am-2.20 FILM: Ghost Story

12.05em FILM: DR TERROR PRESENTS: Ghost Story (1981) Four ageing New Englanders gather for an annual meeting to tell ghost stories, but they inadvertantly arouse a vengeful ghost. Starring Fred Astaire, in his last role, Douglas Fairbanks Jr. John Houseman and Melvyn Douglas. Directed by John Irvin (830024) 1.50-1.55 WEATHER (1695598)

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PICTURIES (6) (14718823) 2.00 PICTURES (s) (14718623) 2.00 GREEDYSAURUS (1) (46029536) 2.06

SPIDER (r) (s) (46027807) 2.10 SPORT ON FRIDAY Rugby Union: Highlights of Scotland A v Australia, and Golf. The Champions Challenge Shoot-Out from Wentworth (s) (409772)

3.55 NEWS (Ceelax) and weather (\$275623) 4.06 TODAY'S THE DAY (a) (84) 4.30 READY, STEADY, COOK (a) (83) 5.00 ESTHER (a) (8159) 5.30 GOING, GOING, GONE (b) (8) 6.00 SLIDERS (S) (369888

6.40 ELECTRIC CIRCUS (s) (439420) 6.55 ROCKY STAR (b/w) (s) (240623) 7.00 RANNOCH THE RED DEER (Teletext) (a) (131352)



ONE MAN AND HIS DOG (Teleted) (s) (113517) THE ENGLISH COUNTRY GARDEN (Teletext) (s) (4178) 9.00 SHOOTING STARS Celebrity pulz show with guest panellists — Darcus Howe, Gabrielle, Rose-Marie and Richard Whiteley (Ceefax) (s) (7517)

9.30 ALL RISE FOR JULIAN CLARY Poler Stringfellow finds himself in the dock (Caefax) (s) (34994) 10.00 HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU (95517)

10.30 NEWSNIGHT (Ceefax) (574826) 11.15 THE A FORCE Featuring the best in

1.20em -2.45 FILM: Tibi starring Re-Ouedrage and the Cisse. After an absence of two years, Sega returns to his village to find that his financie has become his father's second wife, Directed by torissa Ouedrage. (In the African language More with English aublities) (8819043)

CHOICE One Man and His Dog

BBC2, 7,45pm BBC2, 7.45pm

The dreariest of wet days in Shrupshire puts paid to any notion of the television sheepdog show as presenting a rural idyll for townies. Even the sheep look led up. But Robin Page is a presenter who can find cheerfulness in the most unpromising circumstances and rain or not this is "a tremendous day's trialling". In any case once the game is afoot in this low-key, almost non-tech, contest, which has been running longer than EastEnders and will probably onlive it, the weather is easy to lorget. The gentlest of competitive formulas is completely absorbing, especially when the sheep prove absorbing, especially when the sheep prove cussed or break ranks. Page's commentating colleague, Gus Dermody, is a voice of quiet authority though he is prone to making rash predictions. As so it is today, as Dermody's no-hoper wins by a cricket score.

999 Lifesavers: Bonfire Special BBC1, 8.30pm

The Lifesuvers series can always be criticised for making entertainment out of misfortunes and can always retort by pointing to its campaigns about safety and first-aid. Last year's Guy Fawkes special, highlighting the dangers of bonfires and fireworks, hit the balance particularly well and as November 5 again approaches it is repeated in an updated version. Regular hosts Michael Buerk and Juliet Morris present the usual mix of horror story and practical advice. It is not a good idea to climb on to a bonfire with a not a good not a to camb on to a contire with a can of petrol but Terry Thatcher did so and was engulfed in flames. Luckily he remembered his first aid and by rolling over and over on the ground was able to smother the flames. David Brooks, aged 15, broke a basic rule by putting fireworks in his pocket. They ignited and he received 15 per cent burns, from which he happily recovered.

The English Country Garden BBC2, 8.30pm

Rather than the title it actually uses, which suggests a systematic study of the subject, this series should be called the Rosemary arbitrary as she decides to make them, pottering around her own garden in Gloucestershire and hobnobbing with her wealthy friends. Lord and Lady Tollemache. owners of a moated Tudor mansion in Suffolk called Heimingham Hall play host to Verey this week. To her, of course, they are on first name terms. Like most of the gardens on first name terms. Like most of the gardens featured in the series, Helmingham seems to go on for miles. An incidental revelation is that Verey dislikes roses, because they flower for too short a time, have ugly legs and are prone to nasty diseases. This means that she does not have a rose garden of her own, though she can still admire other people's.

Staving Alive TTV. 9.00pm

Yet another hospital drams, you may groan, but Neil McKay's six-parter is more about the staff than the patients and lives off-duty tend to overshadow what happens on the wards. The focus is on five student nurses, artached to a hospital in south London. Not all the trainees are young and callow. Cassie denny Bolt) has a teenage daughter. She is also on the run from her policeroan husband (Sean Blowers of London's Burning) who knocks her about. Michaela (Susannah Wise) is even more unhappy. Hardly have the credits rolled than she is trying to kill the creates robed than she is trying to bit herself. Talk about getting a show off to an explosive start. Staying Alive bills itself as a thriller, but that is to anticipate future episodes. So far it is closer to soap opera, while offering a disenchanted view of the

6,00am GMTV (1232197)

9.25 SUPERMARKET SWEEP (1851449) 9,55 REGIONAL NEWS (2660245) 10.00 THE TIME ... THE PLACE (83361) 10,30 THIS MORNING (24662352) 12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS (4438401) 12.30 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (4504371)

12.55 MURDER, SHE WROTE (S) (2899584) 2.00 HOME AND AWAY (Teleted) IS (57637772) 2.25 CROSS WITS (Teletext) (s) (57656807) 2.50 YAN CAN COOK (6467197)

3.20 NEWS (Teletext) (4562265) 3.25 REGIONAL NEWS (4561536)

3,30 JAY'S WORLD (3071826) 3,40 THE ADVENTURES OF DAWDLE (3051062) 3.56 OSCAR AND FRIENDS (5279449) 4.00 SNUG AND COZI (8659371) 4.15 HURRICANES (5190333) 4.40 FUN HOUSE (4541352)

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6.25 HTV NEWS (Teletext) (657555) 7.00 CATCHPHRASE (Teletext) (s) (3449) 7.30 CORONATION STREET All regrets agreeing to take part in the sponsored walk. Ken finds he is the centre of

8.00 THE BILL Quinnan and Greig help a former Sun Hill sergeant investigate a wertime murder (Teletext) (2197)

8.30 STRANGE BUT TRUE? ENCOUNTERS Focusing on animals who seem to display a sixth sense and meeting people who have encountered the mysterious lights of Dark Peak in Derbyshire (Teletext) (s) (1604)



Jenny Bolt and Sean Blowers (9.00pm)

9.00 STAYING ALIVE New drama about the lives and loves of a group of student nurses in a London Hospital (Teletext) (s) (5642) 10.00 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (15371)

10.30 HTV WEST NEWS (Teletext) (782468) 10 AN LATE AND LIVE (1741517) 12.10am ALFRED HITCHCOCK PRESENTS: The Method Actor (4360192) 12.40 ED'S NIGHT PARTY (3823043)

1.10 FUNNY BUSINESS (s) (6257918) 1.40 THE GOOD SEX GUIDE ... LATE (s) (4711840)

240 BUSHELL ON THE BOX (r) (s) (7560685)

3.10 WAR AND REMEMBRANCE SS Colonel Solobo recalls how he arranged the mass staughter of Jews at Bab Yar. While, in Berlin, Rommel urges Hitler to end the war (r) (591685)

5,00 BEST OF BRITISH MOTORSPORT

5.30 ITN MORNING NEWS (29181)

As HTV WEST except 2.50pm-3.20 ARTYFAX (6467197) 6.25-7.00 WALES TONIGHT (657555) 10.40 BARRY WELSH IS COMING (835523) 11.10 SWIFT JUSTICE (369081)

WESTCOUNTRY

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2.45 CYBERLCAFE (1806685) 3.10 HELTER SKELTER (7422260) 4.00 JOBFINDER (2131531) 5.20 ASIAN EYE (1725918)

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As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 CROSS WITS (4589062) 1,25 HOME AND AWAY (39145062) 1,55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (24623449) 5.10 HOME AND AWAY (7849081) 5.37-5.40 THREE MINUTES - YOUR STORY (101975)

6.00-7.00 MERIDIAN TONIGHT (26975) 10,30 MERIDIAN NEWS AND WEATHER

10.45 COASTGUARD RESCUE (511130) 11.15 A406 (541371) 11.45 HUNTER (806197) 5.00am FREESCREEN (82802)

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Starts: 6.35 THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ (9609975) 7.00 THE SIG BREAKFAST (43352) 9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER (92420) 9.30 YSGOLION (392246) 12.00 TRAVELOG TREKS (12284) 12.30pm BACKDATE (49826) 1.00 SLOT METHRIN (53739) 1.30 WHAT ON EARTH (14724284) 1.40 FILM: ACTION IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC (91045791) 4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (72) 4.30 DOSH (4) 5.00 5 PUMP (4558) 5.30 COUNTDOWN: THE SEARCH FOR THE SUPREME CHAMPION (36) 6.00 NEWYDDION (365246) 6.05 HENO (477420) 6.35 JACPOT (633159) 7.00 POBOL Y CWM (777352) 7.25 TESTAMENT Y BEIBL WEDI'I (7/132) 723 1251 AMERIY FEIGL WEDT ANIMEIDDIO (935285) 8.00 CEFN GWLAD (9559) 8.30 NEWYDDION (9246) 9.00 GLAN HAFREN (3284) 10.00 BROOKSIDE (13913) 10.30 RORY BREMNER — WHO ELSE? (578642) 11.10 TFI FRIDAY (109826) 12.15mm FILM: DOCTOR JEKYLL AND SISTER HYDE (829918) 2.00 FILM: THE MAN WHO CHANGED HIS MIND (1087444) 3.15 FILM: THE BOOGIE MAN WILL GET YOU (9815579)

6.30am THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ (r) (15061)

7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (43352) 9,00 HERE'S ONE | MADE EARLIER

Vegetarian (cod (92420) 9.30 SCHOOLS: EUREKA! 9.45 STOP LOOK LISTEN 10.00 FOURWAYS FARM 10.10 TVM 10.25 TECH-NOLOGY PROG 10.40 OFF LIMITS 11.05 ROBERT BURNS 11.20 STAGE ONE 11.35 SCHOOLS AT WORK 11.40 HOW WE USED TO LIVE

12.00 GARDEN DOCTORS (r) (12284) 12.30pm BACKDATE (r) (49826) 1.00 SESAME STREET (5590888) 1.55 SESAME STREET (5590888) 1.58 PETE SMITH SPECIALTY (24614791)

2.20 FILM: The Member of the Wedding (b/w, 1952) Julie Harris as a 12-year-old girl who dreams of being involved in her brother's wedding. Directed by Fred Zinnemenn (957994) 4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (Teletext) (72) 4.30 COUNTDOWN (Teletext) (s) (4) 5.00 CUTTING EDGE (r) (Teletext) (s) (3062)

6.00 TFI FRIDAY. The bands include the Pet Shop Boys and one of the guests is the actress Helan Mirren (s) (24517) 7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (Teletext) (775710)

7.55 THE SLOT (699343) 8.00 GARDEN DOCTORS Dan Pearson and Steve Bradiey transform a bramble-ridden wasteland into a multi-purpose garden (Teletext) (a) (9569)

8.30 BROOKSIDE (Teletext) (s) (9246) 9.00 CAROLINE IN THE CITY As a result of Aunt Mary's visit, Caroline finds herself on a date with a former boyfriend who is now a successful doctor (Teletext) (s) (5913)

9.30 FRIENDS Chandler and Ross are pair of bullies (Teletext) (s) (29062)



10.00 FRASIER Frasier resorts to violence when his lavourite table at Calé Nervosa is stolen by a rude man (Teletext) (13913) 10.30 RORY BREMNER - WHO ELSE? (Teletext) (578642)

11.10 TFI FRIDAY (r) (s) (109826) 12.15mm FILM: Doctor Jekyll and Sister Hyde (1971) with Raiph Bates. Dr Jekyll undergoes a series of dramatic experi-ments in his pursuit of the elixir of life. Directed by Roy Ward Barker (Teletext)

2.05 FILM: The Man Who Changed His Mind (b/w, 1936) with Bons Karloft. A mad scientist develops a device which will enable him to transplant brains. Directed by Robert Stevenson (1095463) 3.15 FILM: The Boogle Man Will Get You (1942) with Boris Karlott and Peter Lone. The new owner of a neglected property is unaware of the former owner's experi-ments in the basement. Directed by Lew

Landers (9815579) Ends at 4.25

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7.00cm Love Correction (3913994) 7.20 Press Your Luck (3993130) 7.40 Jeopardy (5950333) 8.10 Hotel (6030371) 9.00 Another World (585772) 9.45 Oprah Writing (3648848) 10.40 Pasi IV (7799739) 11.10 Sally Jessy Reptree (8619420) 12.00 Geneldo (80197) 1.00pc One to Three (47604) 3.00 Jerny Jones (82081) 4.00 Oprah Writing (78888) 5.00 Star Treic The Nied Generation (8007) 8.00 New Adven-tures of Supermen (79081) 7.00 Simpsons next Generation (8507) 8,000 Next Adven-tures of Septemen (79081) 7,00 Simpsons (9538) 7,30 MASH (5062) 8,00 Just Kndding (8284) 8,30 Coppers (7791) 8,00 Walter, Texas Ranger (1894) 10,00 Ster Link: The Mary Character of Mary 13,00 Mary 13,0 Texas Ranger (1894) 1000 Stat rank Next Generation (11081) 17,00 New Adver-hires of Superman (8394) 12,00 Midnight Coller (24802) 1,00mm LAPD (71932) 1,30 Real TV (56596) 2,00 Hit Mix (88173)

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8.00mm All Hands on Deak (1951)
[21401) 8.00 Give My Regards to Broad
Sheet (1964) (41420) 10.00 A Perfect
Couple (1973) (72175) 12.00 The Chairman (1968) (52371) 2.00pm The Ranger,
the Cook and a Hole in the Sky (1995)
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(1964) (3739) 6.00 Little Sig Languic
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Polan Walter (1965) (58043) 2.45 The
Advogest (1987) (23885) 4.15 Give My
Regards to Broad Street (1984) (48043)
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THE MOVIE CHANNEL 4.60mm Resent Decide (1981) (38082) 7.30 Ben-Hair (1985) (49449) 8.30 The

Gnomes' Great Adventure (44791) 10.00 Smiley Gets is Gun (1988) (8242) 12.00 Forbidden Memories (1995) (82213) 2.00pm Femily Pzzyers (1997) (82213) 2.00pm Femily Pzzyers (1997) (81825) 4.00 Ben-tur (1985) (8425) 5.00 Mobry (1985) (7304) 7.20 LWK (76) Fan (8772 8.00 Forrest Gusep (1984) (83441888) 10.20 Needitol Things (1983) (8576037) 12.25am Severed Ties (1982) (8576037) 12.25am Severed Ties (1982) (8576037) 12.25am Severed Ties (1982) (8576037) 12.25am Severed Ties (1983) (8576037) 12.25am Severed Ties (1983) (8576037) 12.25am Severed Ties (1980) (8576037) SKY MOVIES GOLD

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SKY SPORTS 1 6.18am Live Rugby League (52073642). 8.20 Horsie Raising (37265) 9.00 Sports. Centro (28517) 9.30 Asrobles (65586)

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SKY SPORTS 2 8.00pm Rugby Union (4338623) 9.00 fcs Hockey: Power Week (4325159) 19.00 Westing: Raw (4325240) 11.00 Snooker: Cus Mesters (2856517) 11.30-1.00 Big League Classics (5369888)

SKY SPORTS 3 12.00 Surling (25510284) 1.00pm Social (55742/38) 2.30 Got: Open Novotel Perner (8696130) 3.30 Superbias: (5770791) 5.00 Sulling (36825130) 5.30 World Sports (1014555) 6.00 Surling (25516468) 7.80 Trans World Sport (360377772) 8.00 Live Golf: Sanazan World Open (36037772) 8.00 Live Golf: Sanazan World Open (36037773) 10.00 Rugby Eague (55745826) 11.30-12.00 World Sports (58183246)

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7.30mm Saling (24285) 8.00 Termis (23082) 8.30 Gymnestics (27277) 9.30 Modern Pentation (50804) 10.00 Motor Sport (20449) 11.00 Soccer (63804) 1.00pm Live Termis (1681285) 9.00 Fitness (87284) 10.00 Sumo (60371) 11.00 Socing (21178) 12.00-12.30 Wrestling (81024)

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8.00am Rumany (81.35082) 6.30 Tickle on the Turn (6576555) 6.45 Time for a Story (7724524) 7.30 Allsorts (2997975) 7.15 Tickle on the Turn (6046178) 7.30 Catheses (6503444) 8.00 Cassoc Coronation Street (1972420) 8.30 Pursuay (1977791) 9.00 Families (1985371) 9.30 Albion Mailest (5000382) 10.00 Whet the Papers Say (3558284) 10.20 The Day (9002401) 10.30 Nesses and Desreet (1974556) 11.00 Citoriaes and Crumpate Mapp and Lucia (8838884) 12.00 Classic Coronation Street (1982807) 12.30pm Scully (5011488) 1.00 Adam Smith (4238620) 1.30 Ferniles (5010739) 2.00 This Year, Next Year (7855894) 3.00 Nearest and Deerest (7953738) 3.30 What the Papers Say (75574409) 3.50 The Day (57923449) 4.00 Stolen (1253401) 8.00



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England coach has more than Georgia on his mind as he ponders squad

Hoddle facing dilemma over Gascoigne

SHOULD he or shouldn't he? Will he or won't he? English football's great debate and Glenn Hoddle's great dilemma, over the selection or not of Paul Gascoigne for the World Cup qualifying match against Georgia next Saturday, will be resolved today.

Hoddle, the England coach,
announces his squad for the
group two game in Tbilisi
against a backcloth of discon-

tent and moral righteousness. Everybody, it appears, has an opinion on whether Gascoigne should play: many, it appears, would rather he stayed at

Yet again, it is not purely the Rangers midfield player's footballing ability that is being questioned, though his indif-ferent recent form further complicates the debate. It is not a case of judging him solely on his state of physical readiness for what will undoubtedly prove an awkward, possibly intimidating, journey into the former Soviet Union

What has caused such indignation in high places is that, three weeks ago, Gascoigne allegedly struck his wife. Sheryl. Photographs of her apparently bruised face were given widespread coverage in the national media and, only a few days later. Gascoigne again attracted unflattering headlines during Rangers' European Cup Champions' League game against Ajax in Amsterdam.

After only 28 minutes, he kicked out wildly at Winston Bogarde, the Ajax defender, and was sent off. He later apologised for his tantrum, adding that he should not have taken his problems on to the pitch. It is the nearest he has come to admitting that. indeed, there had been an altercation with his wife. He has, though, never denied the

reports. Women's groups, predictsaying that Gascoigne should not be considered. Their protests have found widespread support, with the Football

United's future. Ferguson recalled 45

Association, in response, having deemed the matter serious enough to call in Keith Wiseman, its chairman, to give Hoddle guidance.

Wiseman, a Hampshire coroner, is used to passing calm, composed judgments. It is the first such highly charged and highly sensitive issue that he has had to deal with since taking office during the summer and, with condemnation of Gascoigne coming from all quarters, it will need a deliber-

ate, dispassionate assessment. Hoddle met with Wiseman vesterday, when they mulled over the pros and cons of selecting England's perennial problem child. Hoddle, who

Pallister ruled out

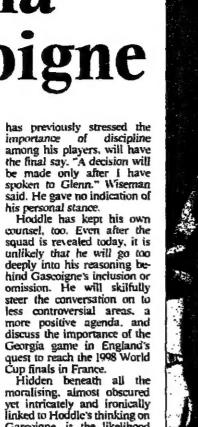
day when Gary Pallister had an operation on the knee injury which has been troubling him since the match at Derby County in early September (Peter Ball writes). He will be out for five weeks.

"We could have tried to patch him up and keep him going for the game against Juventus," Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said yesterday, "but there was always the risk that he would break have him back for the game in Vienna on December 4."

the Champions' League, could prove decisive for United's hones of becoming the first English club to reach the quarter-finals of the European Cup for II years. Pallister has been noticeably struggling with the injury in recent weeks, and he was taken off during United's 6-3 defeat by Southampton at The Dell a

That game, United's last in

days have long gone.



Hidden beneath all the moralising, almost obscured yet intricately and ironically linked to Hoddle's thinking on Gascoigne, is the likelihood that Tony Adams, the Arsenal defender, and Ian Wright, the Arsenal striker, will return to the England fold.

Cup finals in France.

In the absence of Gary Pallister and Alan Shearer. who are ruled out by knee injuries, Adams and Wright can expect the call. Yet is not Adams a recently self-confessed alcoholic, who has served time in jail for drink-driving offences? And is not Wright one of the sport's less endearing characters, who faces an FA disrepute charge for making derogatory personal remarks about David Plean, the Sheffield Wednes-

And what of Paul Merson. the Arsenal midfield player, who will surely retain his place in the squad? His past misfortunes involving drink drugs and gambling have

been well chronicled. Hoddle, when making his England selections, should not have to take into consideration such off-the-field exploits. He should not have to juggle political footballs or have to differentiate between alleged wife-beating, various addictions and other behavioural Sadly, in a PC world, those

pean Tour's 1997 golf sched-

ule, which was published

yesterday, is not so much what

not. Next year's European

Tour will start in Australia on

January 23 and end on Nov-

ember 2 when the Volvo

Masters is staged at a yet-to-be

announced venue, probably

There will be a minimum of

36 events on three continents

and the prize-money will be

similar to this year's, which

What is less obvious is the

extent to which relationships

between the Tour and the

players have worsened. This is

the fault of the Tour and the

players. There can never have

been a time when Ken Scho-

field, the executive director of

the Tour, ate such humble pie

Collingtree fractured the con-

fidence between the players and the officials," Schofield.

who, in June, was appointed

CBE for services to golf, said.

"Immediately after that we set

out to restore confidence.

Three of us flew to Switzerland

and spoke to 96 of the 140

players who were there. But

we have a big job on our hands to rebuild confidence."

John Paramor, the director

of Tour operations and one of

its most sure-footed execu-

tives, emphasised the size of

the gulf that exists between the

players and the officials when

he said: "In the past 20 weeks I

have gone home every night to

sew up the dagger holes in the

back of my jacket. We have

had some serious knock-

backs. We need to smarten up

The Collingtree affair, when

the shocking state of the

"The disintegrated greens at

totalled £29.5 million.

as he did yesterday.

Ouinta do Lago in Portugal.



The question of Gascoigne's inclusion has been the focus of Hoddle's attention

Lewis is offered world title bout in London

By Srikumar Sen

DON KING, the American promoter, has given Lennox Lewis two dates and venues for his bout with Oliver McCall for the vacant World Boxing Council (WBC) heavy-weight championship: Janu-ary 10 in Nashville, Tennessee, and February 3 in

King's contracts arrived yes-terday at the London offices of Panos Eliades, Lewis's chief negotiator and backer, just two days after a New Jersey judge told King and José Sulaiman, the president of the WBC, to appear before him to explain why the court order to give Lewis a bout with McCall by December 26 had not been

obeyed.

King rang Eliades and asked him to call off the court action, which Lewis's American attorney, Patrick English, said could cost King and the WBC millions in damages. Eliades told King he would not be able to end the action unless King agreed to certain demands:

1. Cast-iron terms for a bout with Mike Tyson.

2. Lewis to be allowed one

voluntary defence if he beats McCall. Henry Akinwande, a King heavyweight, who has been installed at No 3 in the WBC rankings, should not be the mandatory challenger.

3. King to pay a penalty of \$2 million if he fails to put on the bout on the given dates.
4. \$4.6 million, which Lewis is receiving as his purse, to be lodged in a bank in letters of

5. The cost of the court action that should never have been necessary be paid by

Names of the judges and referee for the Lewis-McCall contest to be given to Eliades well in advance.

7. One other stipulation which Eliades could not moment.

Eliades said: "It's a breach of a court order. King and Sulaiman must appear in person before Judge Amos Saunders on November 14. So I am not in any hurry to call off the action. The nearer it gets to the time for them to face Judge Saunders the more chance I have to get what I want."

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Bids lodged for £100m funding to create elite Academy

EROSTAR RETURN

brings

By DAVID MILLER

BY the deadline yesterday. 25 bids to create the British Academy of Sport had been lodged with the Department of National Heritage.

While we wait for the department to reveal the candidates for £100 million of Lottery funding, the British Olympic Association (BOA) will announce on Monday, at the House of Commons, the the House of Commons, the bid with which it is in specific parmership. The BOA rightly believes that it should form the management of elite nat-

ional sport at the Academy.
Craig Reedie, chairman of
the BOA, said yesterday: "The
bid with which we wish to be partners has the vision most equal to our own." Contrary to several of the bids, which seek to exploit existing facili-ties, the proposed BOA part-nership envisages a green-field site, where facilities in training, coaching, physio-therapy, biomechanics, sports science and medicine will be established that are superior to anything presently in

The Central Consortium bid by Nottingham-Lough-borough and Lilleshall would be based on the use of existing facilities at Holme Pierrepoint (water sports). Loughborough University and the Lilleshall national training centre.
Sir Nigel Rudd, the chairman, said confidently that their offer would improve

performances at the Sydney Olympics in 2000 — "they couldn't be worse" [than this year]. In fact, the true effect of any Academy appointed is hound to be long term.
The Central Consortium

may have difficulty over plan-ning permission for its main site, however, while Lough-borough's aim is clearly to expand the present scope of

the university.
Gwyn Roberts, chairman of at some of the mistakes made in the early days by the Australian Academy at Canberra, and try to learn from that." Any benefit to Australian sport took ten years.

In a late attempt to revive its bid for the national stadium. Manchester yesterday announced plans for an 80,000 all-seater stadium with retractable roof that would cost E310 million and generate 3,000 new jobs.

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Schofield accepts the need for Tour to rebuild confidence THE significance of the Euro-

John Hopkins bemoans the widening gulf between players and officials

greens for the British Masters vocal this year than ever, so caused player after player to complain, was an embarrassment to the Tour, the more so since it owns the course. In a year of errors that was the most celebrated.

One decision that portrayed the Tour in a dubious light in 1996 came when Robert Allenby, the injured Australian, flew thousands of miles just to hit one stroke at last week's Volvo Masters in order to protect his position in the Order of Merit. Another was first inviting Sandy Lyle, the 1992 champion, to compete in the Volvo Masters and then rescinding the invitation.

Perhaps it was the seriousness of these incidents that contributed to making the players more outspoken and

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much so, in fact, that some officials are beginning to wonder whether it is all worth it. Complaints by the players ranged from too much sand in the bunkers, to difficult pin positions, to, the old saw, the generally poor condition of many courses. Players, however, are notoriously fickle. The day after Paramor was roundly condemned by a few players at one venue, seven players approached him and said they did not share the

views of their colleagues. What is more, a split is developing between those players who want tougher

courses, who are generally the better players hell bent on

improving their own play, and 1997 TOUR SCHEDULE

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fiercely examined. "We must find out what the body of the membership want, not just those with the loudest voices." Paramor said. "And then we have to let the players know."

Let the players know. Ask the players what they want. These should be the bywords for 1997. A player-liason officer has already been ap-pointed. "We intend to communicate more focusedly than before," George O'Grady, Schofield's deputy, It should be a matter of

concern that there are fewer world-class players in Europe now than in 1990 when the flag of European golf was held high by Sandy Lyle, Ian Woosnam, Nick Faldo, Severiano Ballesteros and Bernhard Langer. Of these, only Faldo remains a regular world-class contender - in part, because he has chosen to compete more in the United States. Of the players who remain in Europe, only Colin Montgomerie and José Maria Olazabal can be considered as good, or almost as good as, their predecessors and poor Olazábal is crippled by rheumatoid arthritis and may never play at this level again. The Tour is right to cele

brate its first 21 years. In this time, the prize-money has grown enormously. In 1975 the for the season was E611,000, which was the average prize-money for each tournament in 1996. But the European Tour sometimes seems to be an organisation with too many Indians and not enough chiefs. Some internal surgery, not necessarily at the bottom, would not go amiss if the next 25 years are to be as successful.

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